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THUNDERING HOOVES BEAT OUT THE GRIM TATOO OF SUDDEN DEATH AT THE RACE TRACK! IS THIS TO BE THE FINAL CHAPTER IN THE VIGOROUS SAGA OF THE DOLL MAN'S COURAGEOUS BATTLE AGAINST CRIME?



DOLL MAN

DARREL DANE, YOUNG SCIENTIST, IS AT WORK IN HIS LABORATORY...

WUF! WUF! HUH? WHAT IS IT, ELMO? WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME?



YOU SEEM TO BE RACING AROUND IN CIRCLES... **RACING!** THAT'S IT! YOU'RE TRYING TO REMIND ME THAT WE'VE BEEN INVITED TO THE HORSE RACES AT THE GARATOGO TRACK!

ARF! ARF!



I WAS SO WRAPPED UP IN THIS PROJECT THAT IT COMPLETELY SLIPPED MY MIND! BUT THANKS TO YOU, ELMO OLD BOY, WE'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE IT IN TIME!



ARF!



I PROMISED TO LOOK UP MAC MACKINTOSH BEFORE THE RACE! HE'S THE ONE WHO INVITED US! HE'S RUNNING A HORSE CALLED "SWEET CHARIOT"!



OKAY, ELMO! ALL OUT! THIS IS THE LAST STOP!

I THINK THE COAST MAY BE CLEAR NOW! ALL WE GOTTA DO IS GET TO THAT FILLY AND **FIX HER GOOD!**

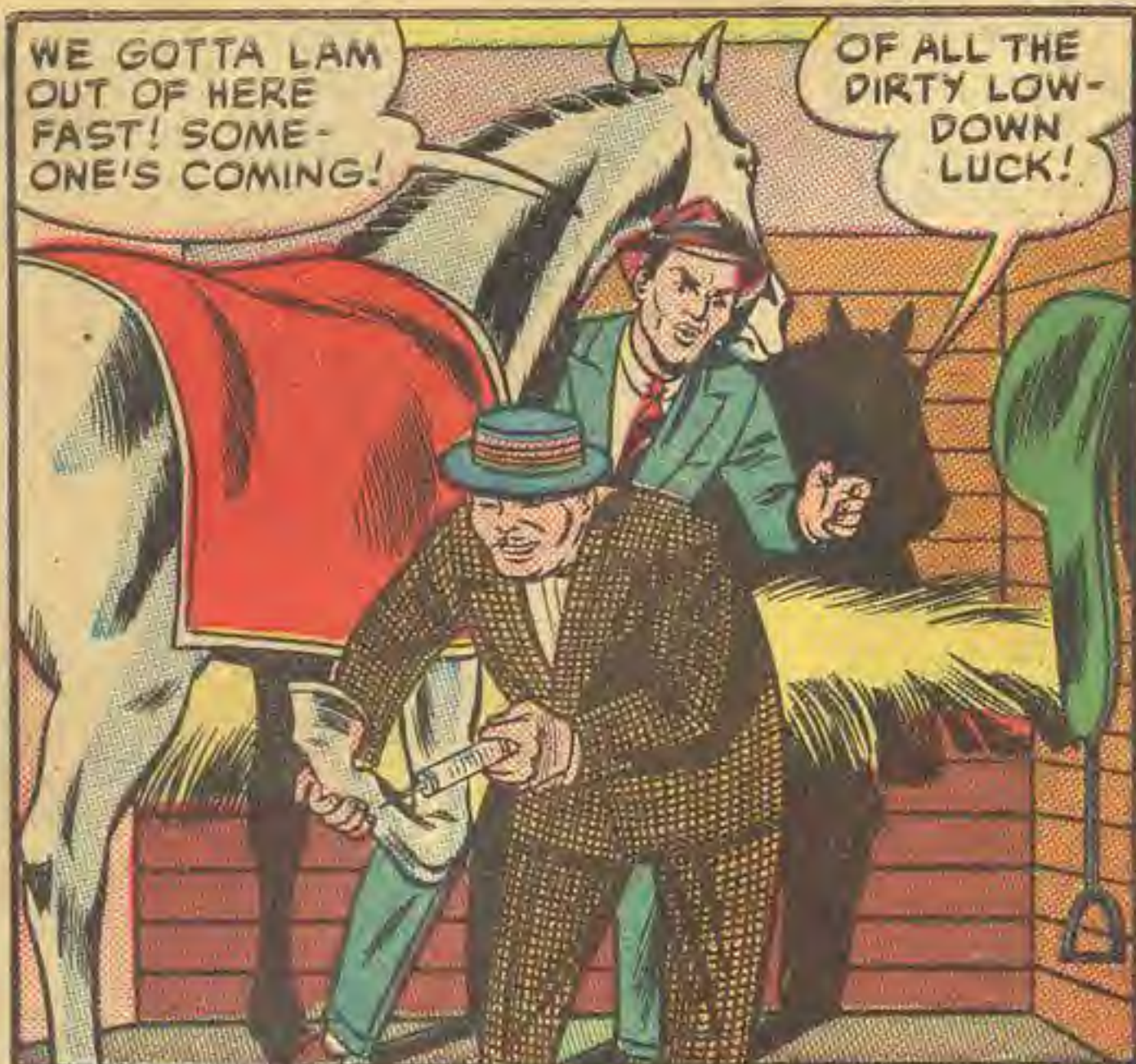


COME ON, ELMO! MAC'S PROBABLY WAITING FOR US RIGHT NOW!



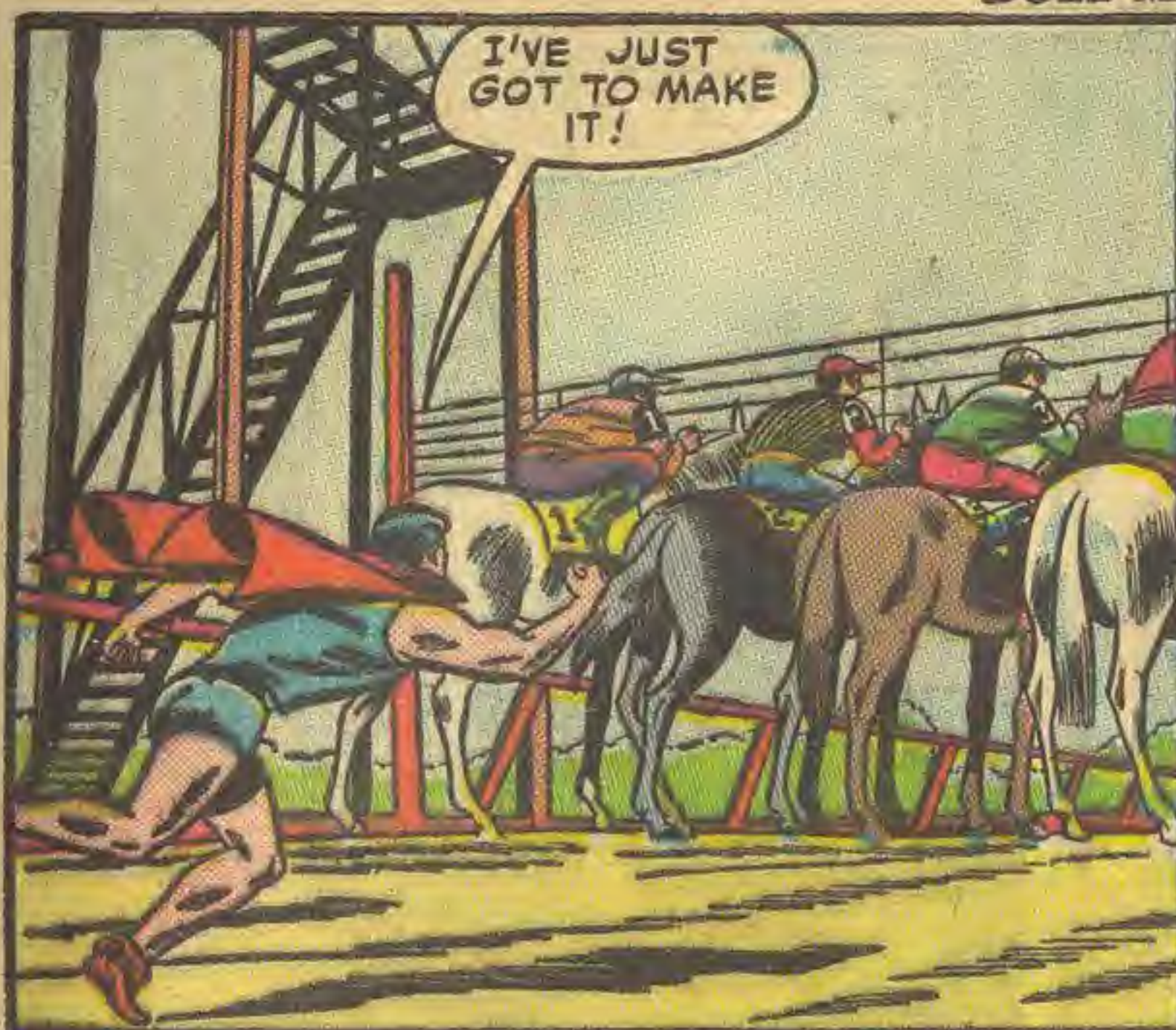
"SWEET CHARIOT"? THAT'S THE STALL RIGHT OVER THERE, SIR!











I'VE JUST GOT TO MAKE IT!



BANG! UH-OH! THEY'RE OFF AND I'M NOT EVEN ON! I'M GOING TO HAVE TO JUMP FOR IT!



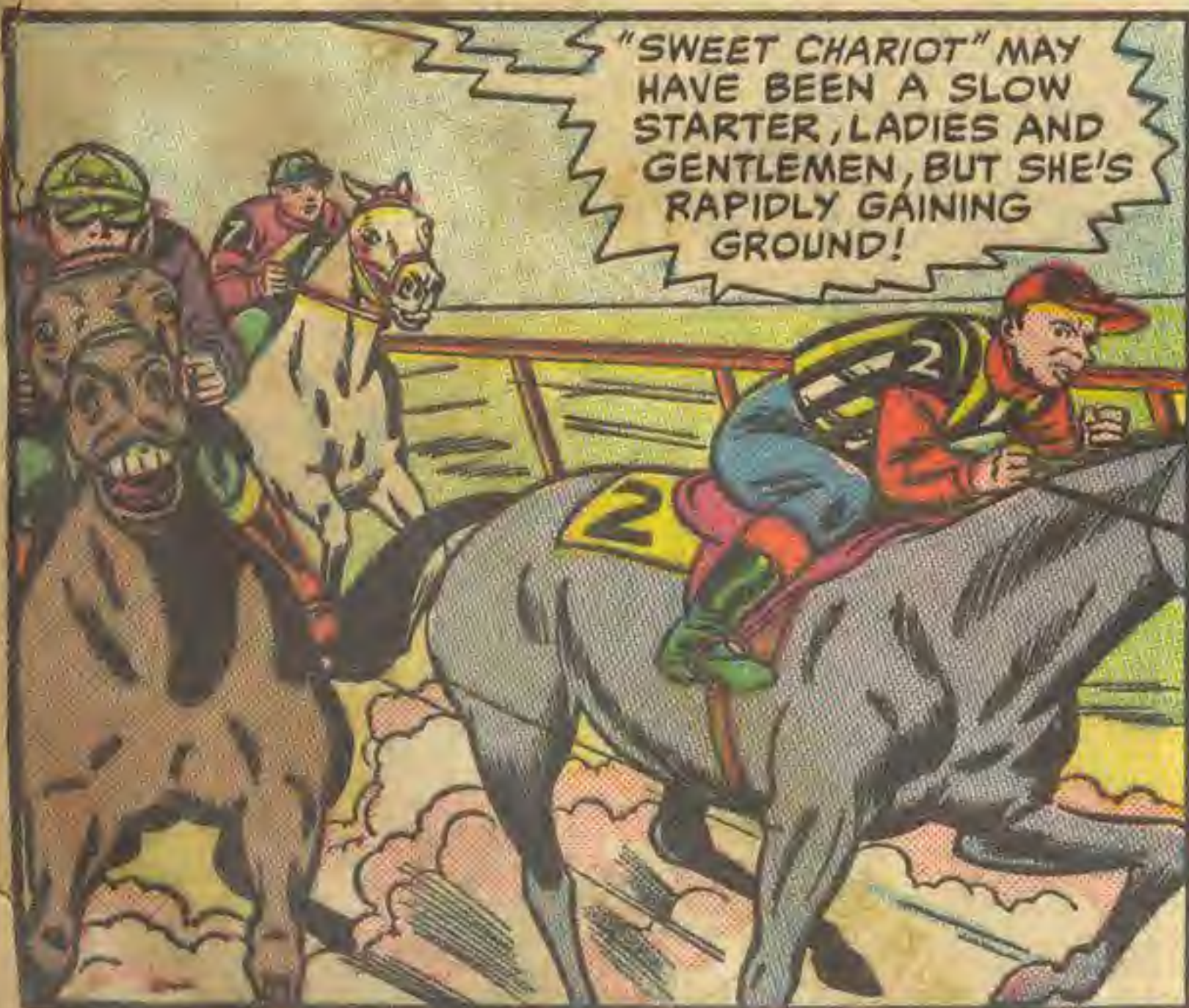
PHEW! JUST MADE IT! NOW TO TAKE COVER AND SIT TIGHT!



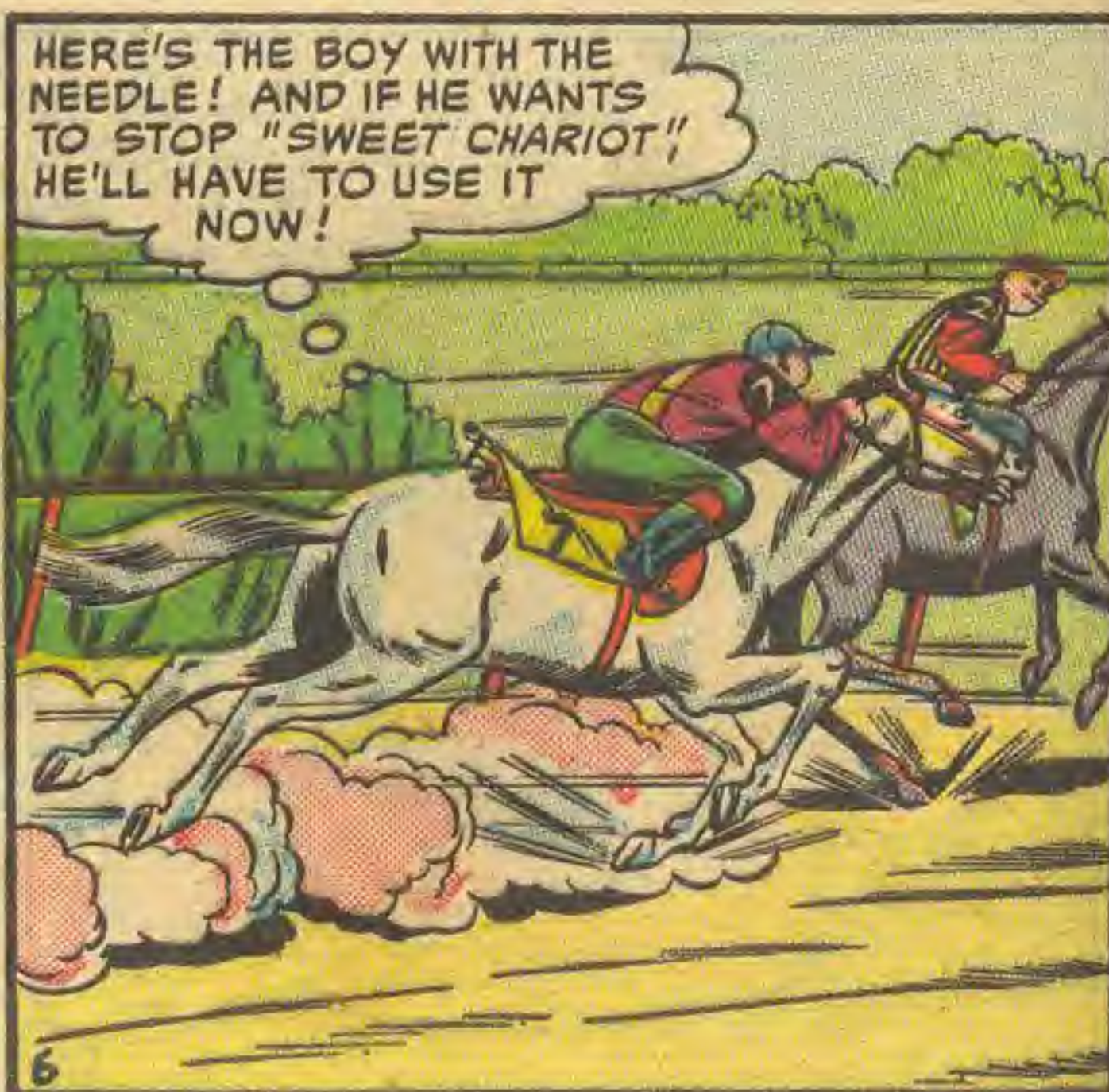
THIS SHOULD BE COZY! THEY'RE OFF, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN IN THE RACE FOR THE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR PURSE! "SWING LOW", THE NUMBER THREE ENTRY TAKES THE LEAD...



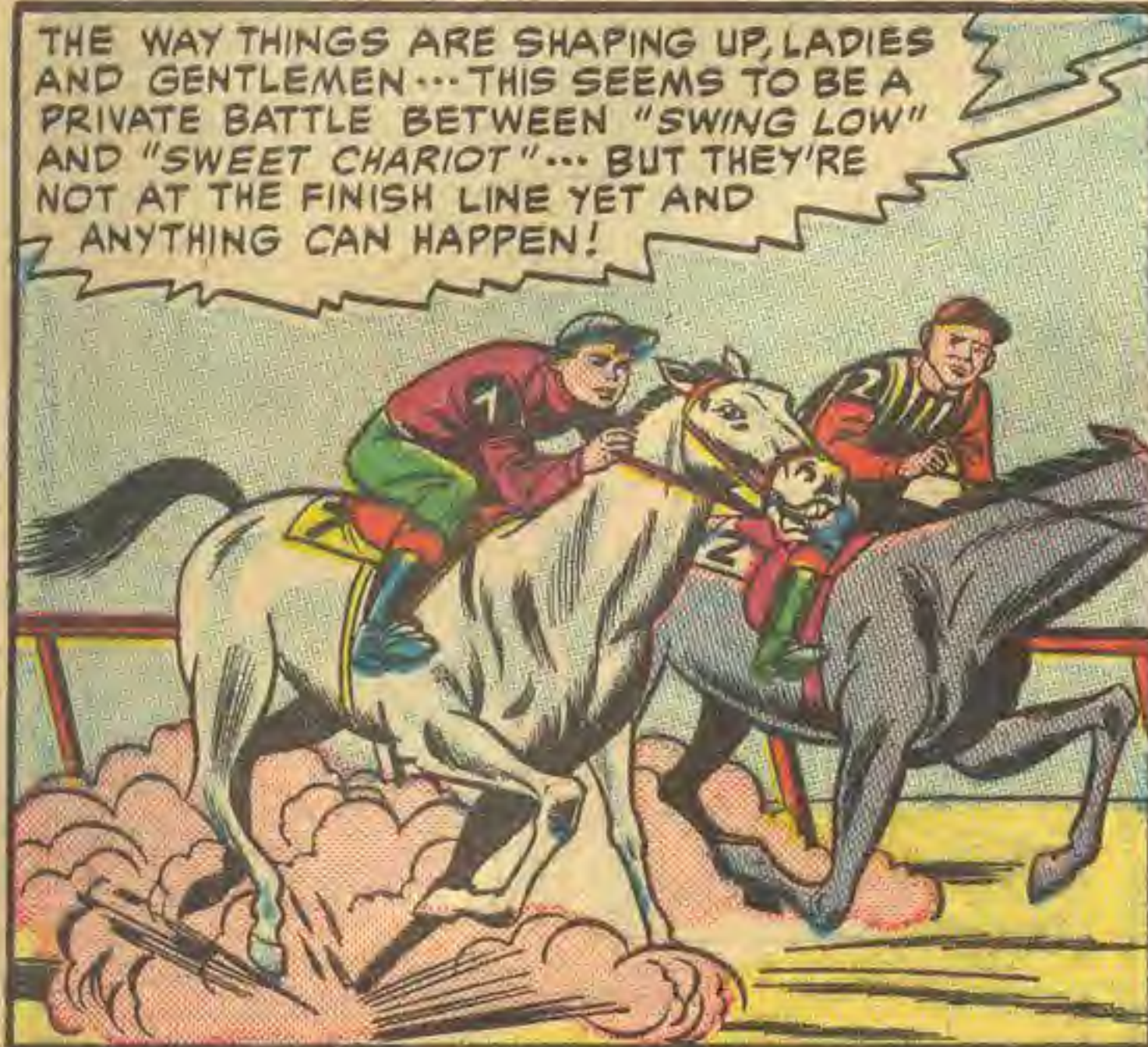
NOW THE PROBLEM IS TO SEE AND NOT BE SEEN! "SWING LOW" STILL HOLDS THE LEAD! "CARRY ME HOME" IS COMING UP BEHIND HIM! BUT THE NUMBER ONE FAVORITE, "SWEET CHARIOT", SEEMS TO BE LAGGING!



"SWEET CHARIOT" MAY HAVE BEEN A SLOW STARTER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, BUT SHE'S RAPIDLY GAINING GROUND!



HERE'S THE BOY WITH THE NEEDLE! AND IF HE WANTS TO STOP "SWEET CHARIOT", HE'LL HAVE TO USE IT NOW!



THE WAY THINGS ARE SHAPING UP, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN... THIS SEEMS TO BE A PRIVATE BATTLE BETWEEN "SWING LOW" AND "SWEET CHARIOT"... BUT THEY'RE NOT AT THE FINISH LINE YET AND ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN!



THAT'S WHAT I'M AFRAID OF! I THINK WE'LL HAVE SOME ACTION SOON! THAT JOCKEY IS TRYING TO GET AS CLOSE TO US AS HE CAN!



HERE IT COMES! BUT I'M READY FOR IT!

"SWEET CHARIOT" IS STARTING TO MOVE AHEAD!



THIS OUGHT TO SLOW HER DOWN TO A WALK!

OH, NO! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO NEEDS SLOWING DOWN!



WHA...?

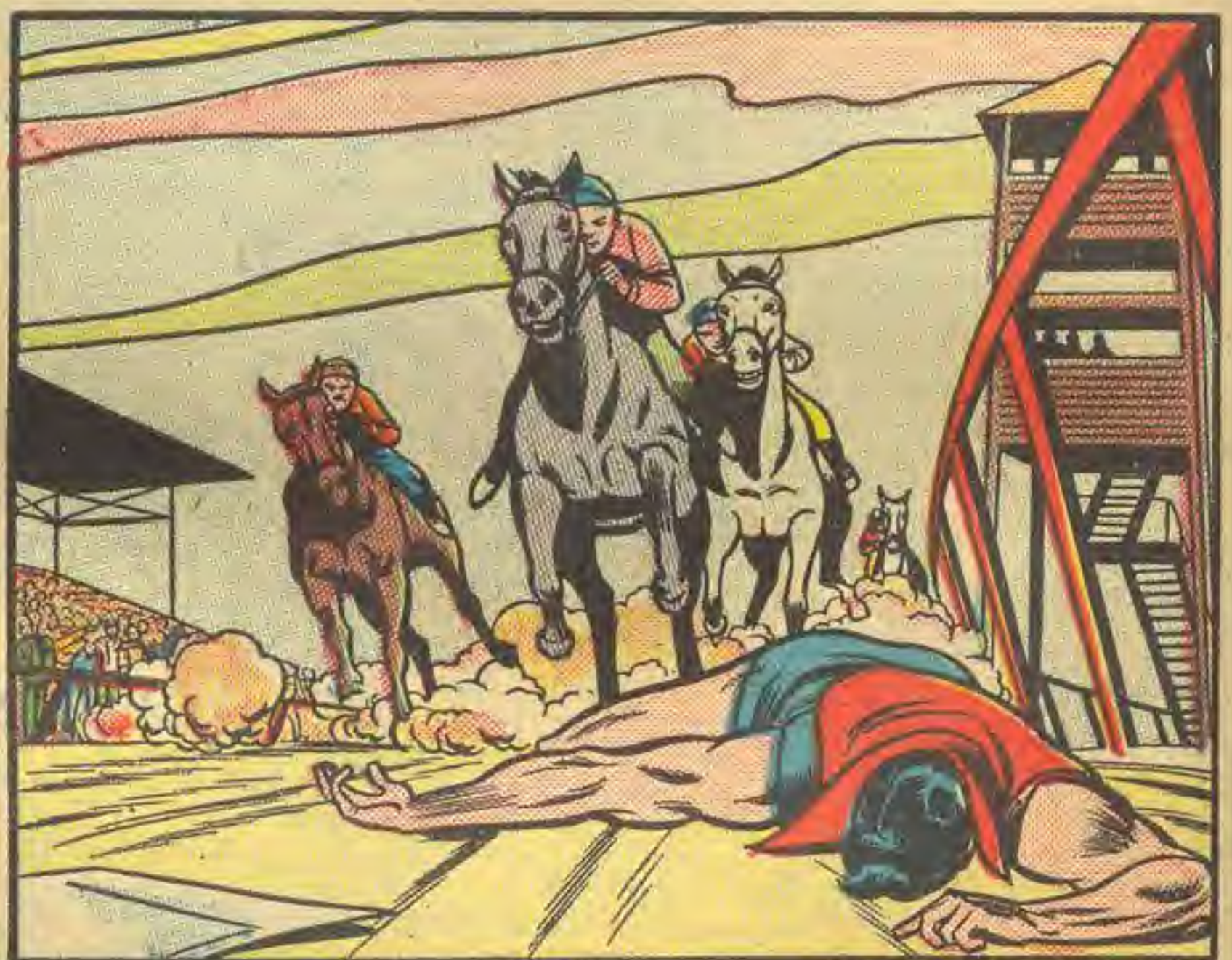
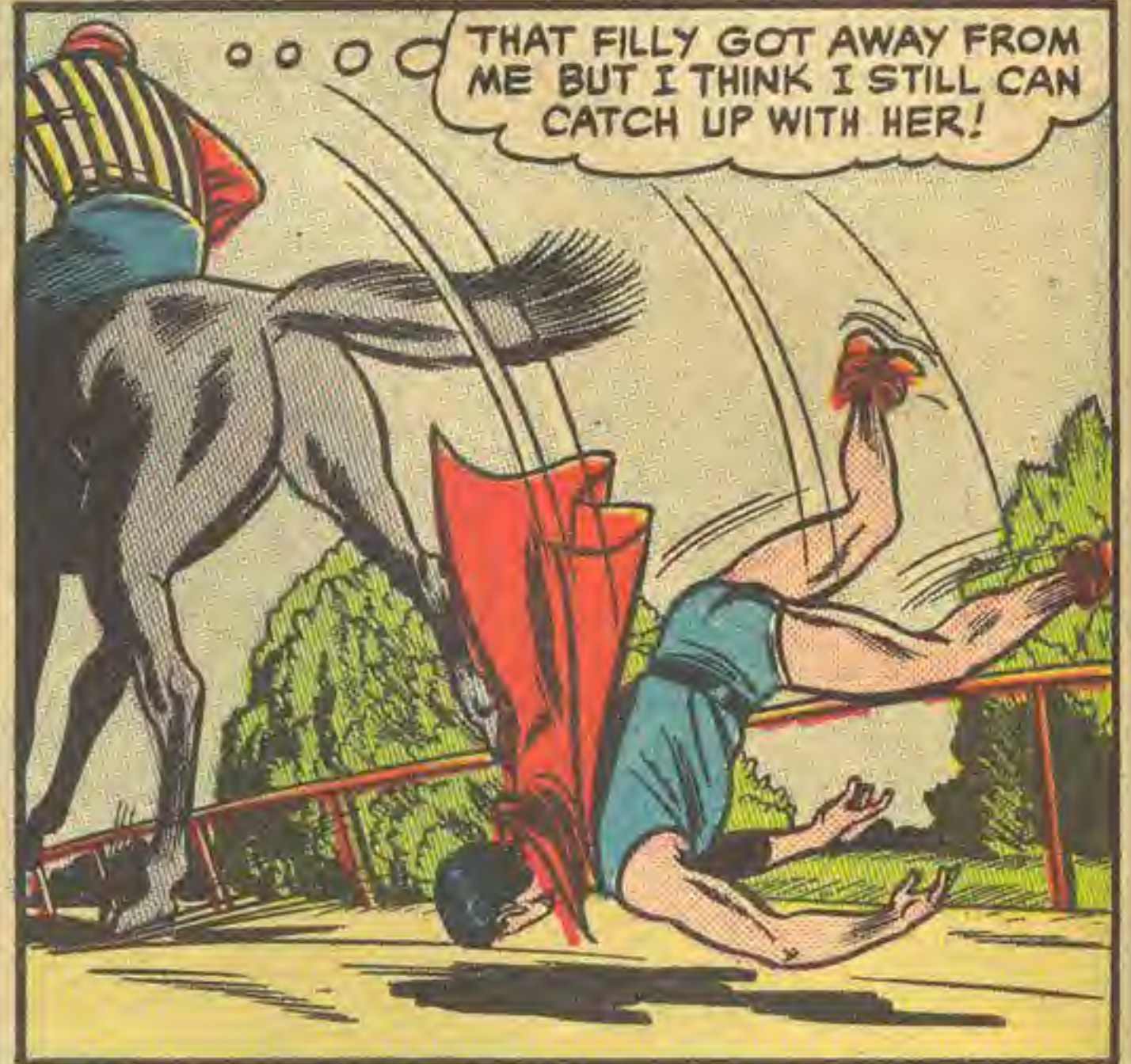


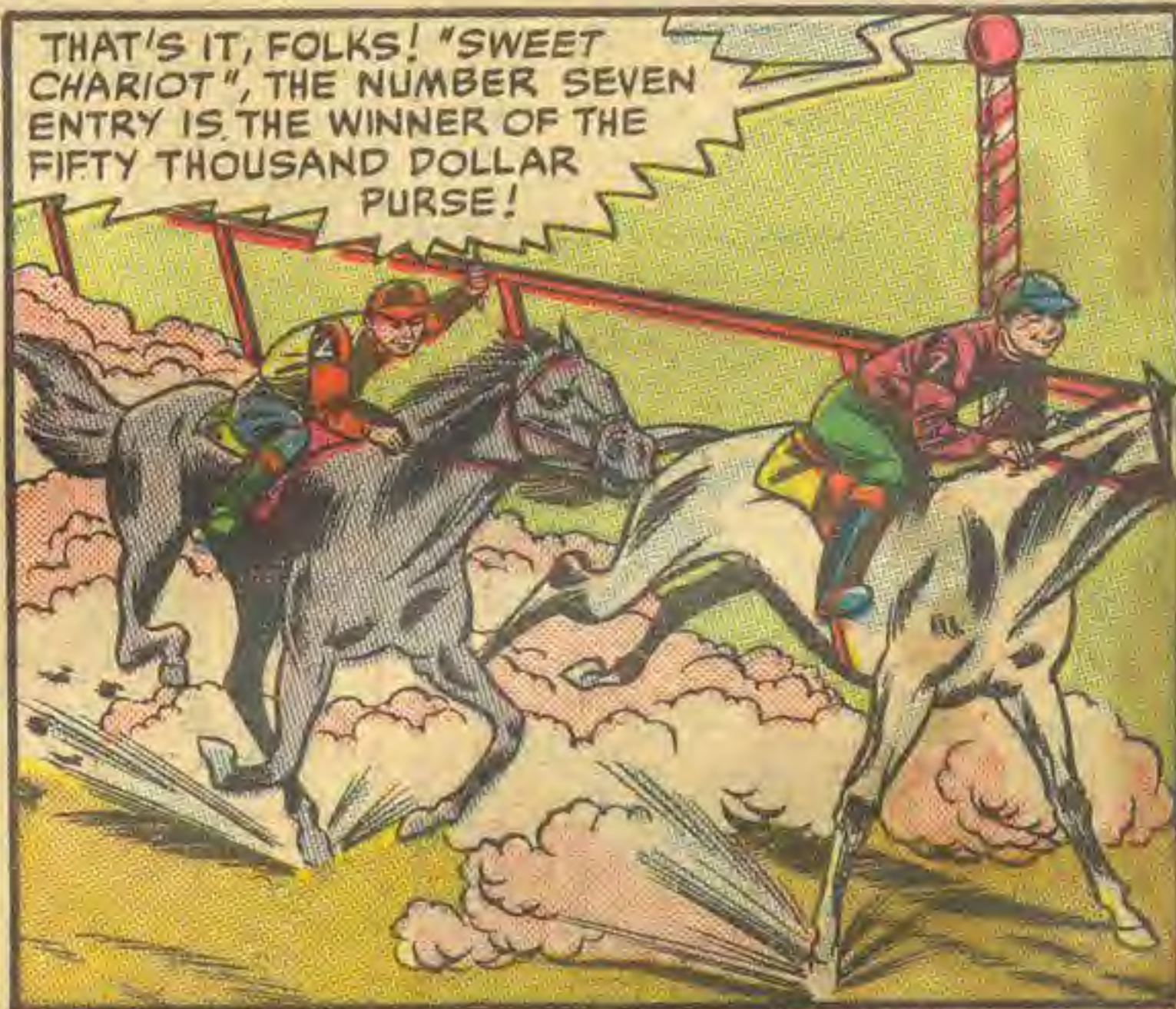
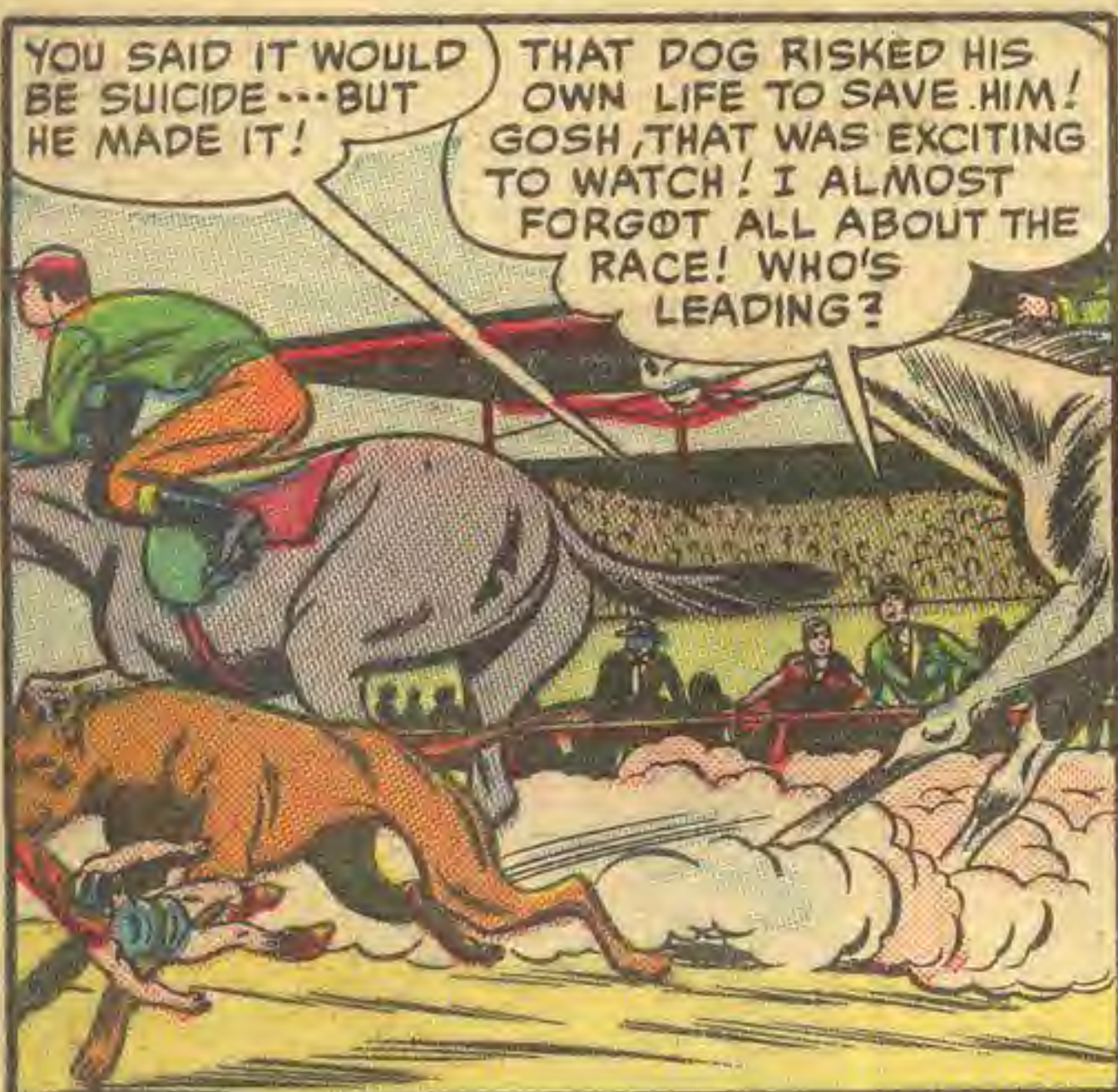
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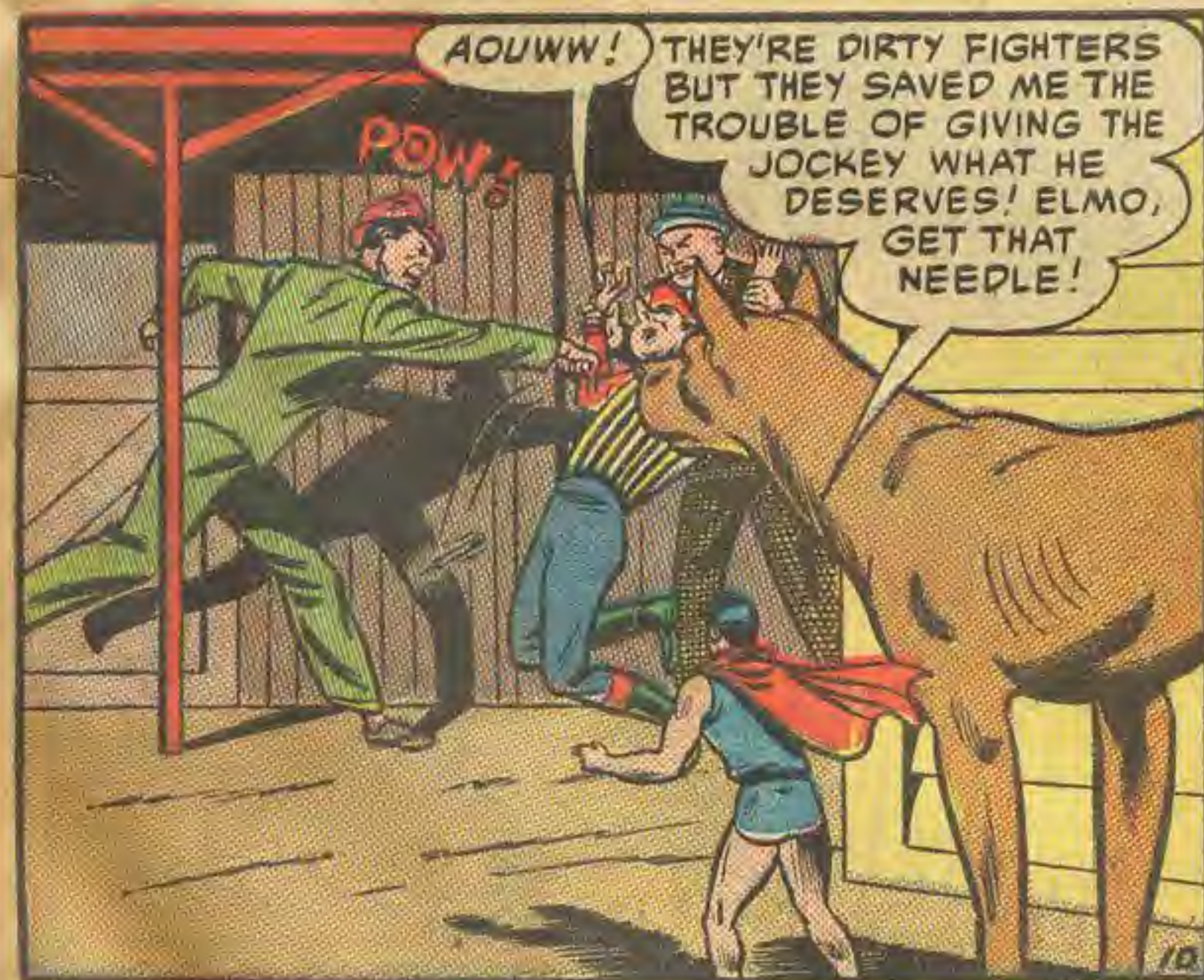
UH-OH! HE CAUGHT ME OFF BALANCE!



HIS EGG-BEATER TECHNIQUE IS MAKING ME DIZZY... HOPE I CAN HOLD ON!







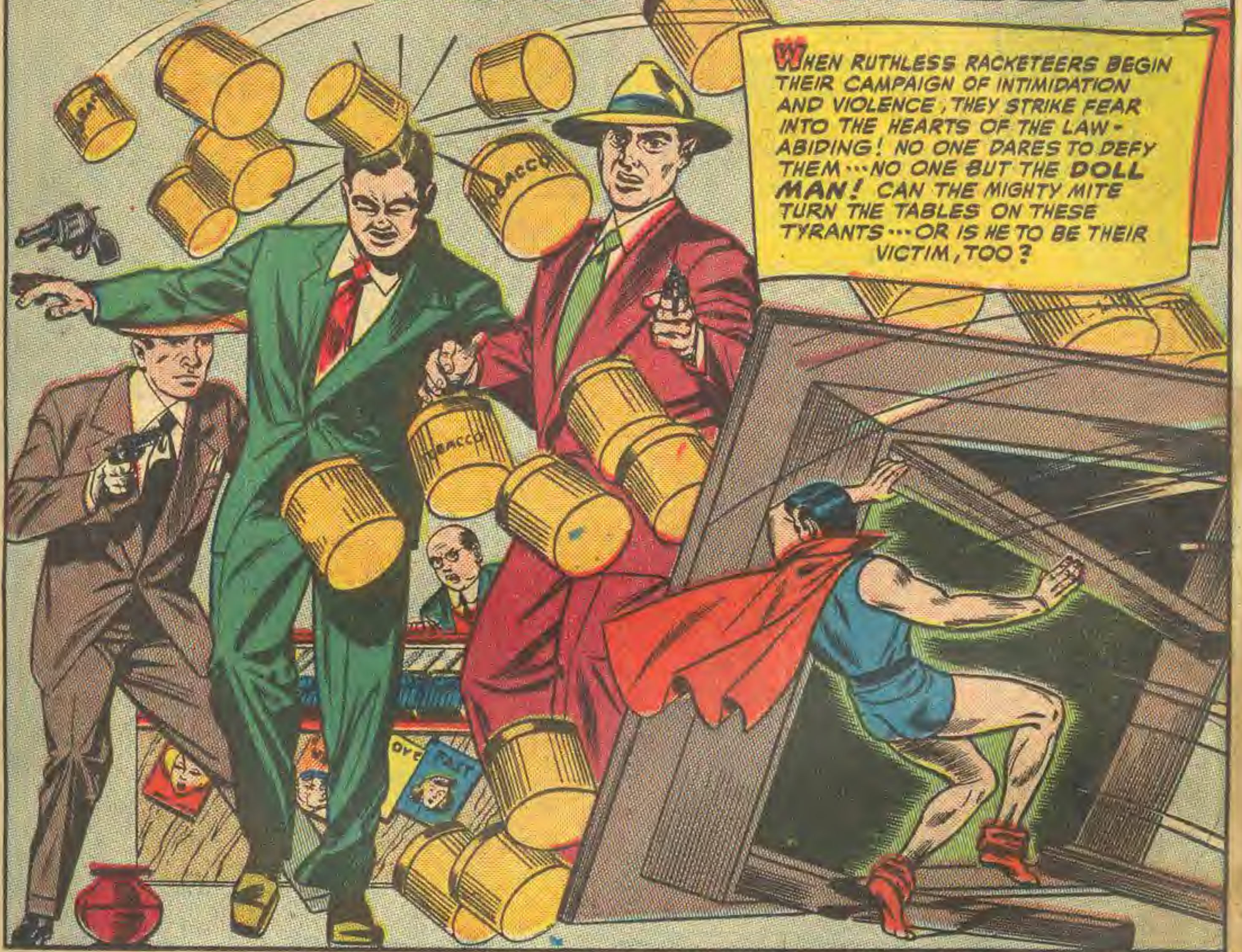
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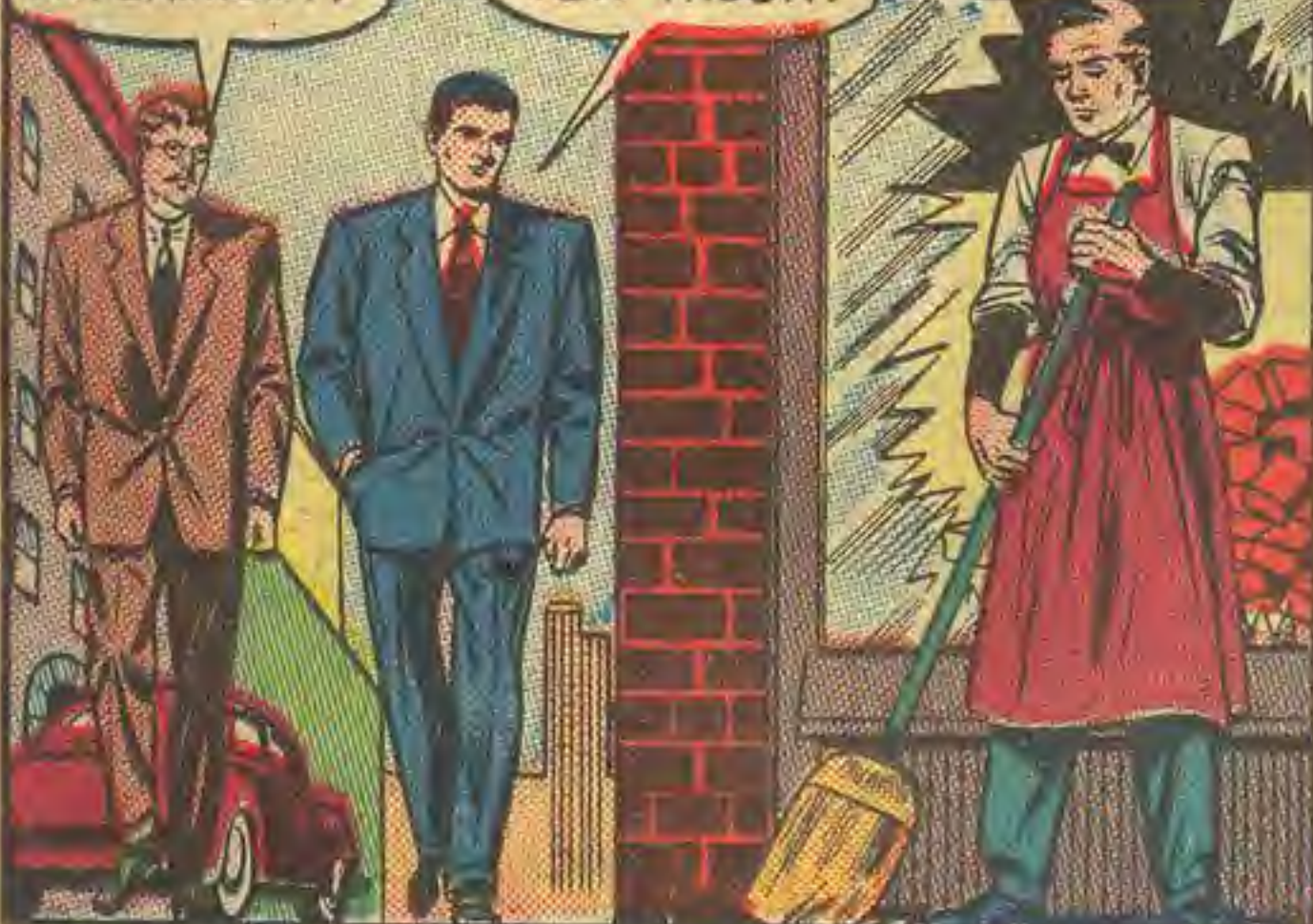


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WELL, DARREL, I GUESS YOU'RE ABOUT READY TO START WORK ON YOUR GAMMA RAY EXPERIMENT!

JUST ABOUT! SAY, I WAS JUST WONDERING WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO THAT STORE WINDOW! IT LOOKS LIKE IT WAS HIT BY A TEN-TON TRUCK!



YOU SEEM TO HAVE HAD A PRETTY BAD ACCIDENT HERE!

ACCIDENT? OH, YES! S-SOME BOYS H-HIT THE WINDOW W-WITH A BASEBALL...THAT'S IT! THAT'S HOW IT H-HAPPENED!



DOLL MAN



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HERE'S THE DOUGH I COLLECTED THIS MORNING FROM OUR...ER... CLIENTS!

BUT WHAT'S TO STOP THESE SUCKERS FROM CALLING IN THE COPS?



WE'VE GOT THEM SCARED...BUT GOOD! THEY KNOW WE'LL WRECK THEIR STORES AND RUIN THEIR MERCHANDISE IF THEY GO BLEATING TO THE COPS! YOU SEE, IT'S AN AIR-TIGHT RACKET! WANT TO COME IN WITH US?



NEVER LET IT BE SAID THAT MAULER MALONE MISSED AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A FAST BUCK! I'M WITH YOU! WHAT'S YOUR NEXT JOB?

OUR NEXT CLIENT...ALTHOUGH HE DOESN'T KNOW IT YET...IS THE MAN WHO RUNS THE TOBACCO SHOP ON THE CORNER OF GROVE AND THIRD! LET'S GO!



And AT DARREL DANE'S LABORATORY...

I SEEM TO HAVE HIT A SNAG IN MY EXPERIMENT! I THINK I'LL TAKE A SHORT BREAK BEFORE TRYING IT AGAIN!



NOW WHAT DID I DO WITH MY PIPE TOBACCO? OH, I JUST REMEMBERED...I USED THE LAST OF IT THIS MORNING! ELMO, IF YOU COULD ONLY TALK, I'D SEND YOU OUT FOR A FRESH SUPPLY...

WUF! WUF!



...BUT SINCE YOU CAN'T, I'LL HAVE TO GO GET IT MYSELF! COME ON ALONG, YOU'VE BEEN COOPED UP ALL DAY!

ARF! ARF!



GRRR!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, ELMO?

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DOLL MAN.

AND THE NEXT MORNING...



SORRY, ELMO, OLD BOY! I CAN'T TAKE YOU WITH ME! THIS JOB CALLS FOR THE DOLL MAN GIVING A SOLO PERFORMANCE! IT WILL WORK OUT BETTER THAT WAY!



WITH A SUPREME EFFORT OF WILL, DARREL DANE CONTROLS THE MIGHTY COSMIC FORCES AND BECOMES... THE DOLL MAN!



A SHORT TIME LATER...



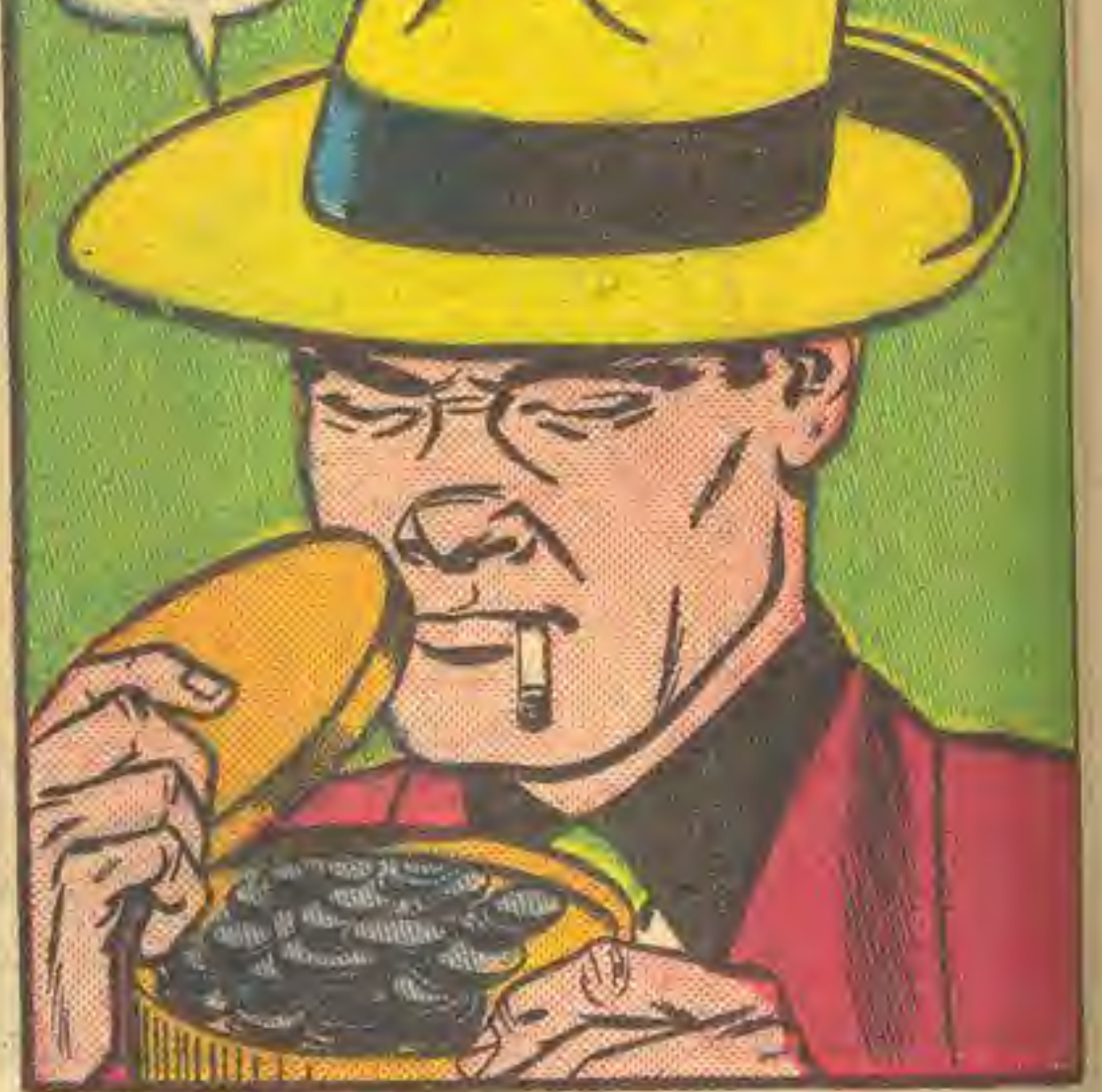
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I FOUND THAT OUT YESTERDAY! LOOK IN THE CAN FOR YOURSELF! I HAD TO MAKE PART OF MY PAYMENT IN CHANGE AND IT'S ALL IN THERE!

KEEP HIM COVERED, YOU GUYS, WHILE I CHECK!



OKAY, I GUESS HE'S BEEN LEVELLING WITH US! THE MONEY'S IN HERE ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO!



THIS CAN IS AWFUL HEAVY! YOU'D BETTER MAKE YOUR NEXT PAYMENT IN BILLS! AND WE'LL BE AROUND TO COLLECT IT NEXT WEEK!

LET'S GET BACK! TODAY'S THE DAY WE SPLIT THE TAKE!



Quiet AT RATTLER RAKE'S SWANK APARTMENT...

HERE'S THE COLLECTION FROM THE EAST SIDE! THERE WAS ONLY ONE GUY WHO WOULDN'T CO-OPERATE AND HE'S IN THE HOSPITAL NOW!

JUST LIKE I FIGURED...A LITTLE BIT OF STRONG-ARM AND THE RACKET WORKS LIKE A CHARM!



RATTLER, I GOT TO HAND IT TO YOU! THIS IS ONE SWEET LITTLE SET-UP! THE SUCKERS ARE PRACTICALLY BEGGING US TO TAKE THEIR MONEY AWAY FROM THEM!

WHAT'S THE CAN FOR?



SOME OLD GEEZER PAID OFF IN NICKLES AND DIMES! I'LL SHOW YOU!



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I THINK THE DOLL MAN IS OVER-RATED! HE'S NOTHING BUT A COWARD! HE DIDN'T TRY TO PUT UP A FIGHT! HE JUST RAN LIKE A SCARED CHICKEN!

YEAH AND HE PROBABLY RAN TO THE COPS! THEY MIGHT BE ON THEIR WAY HERE RIGHT THIS MINUTE!



I'VE THOUGHT OF THAT! SO WE'RE CLEARING OUT OF HERE PRONTO! I WANT YOU GUYS TO LEAVE ONE AT A TIME TO KEEP ANYONE FROM GETTING SUSPICIOUS! AND WE'LL ALL MEET AT MAULER'S HOUSE IN AN HOUR!



SO LONG! SEE YOU LATER!

YOU WON'T SEE ANYTHING FOR A WHILE BECAUSE I'M GOING TO SHUT YOUR EYES!



HUH?

I WON'T SAY PLEASANT DREAMS BECAUSE I HOPE YOU HAVE A NIGHT-MARE!



HEY, WAKE UP! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

THIS SHOULD ANSWER YOUR QUESTION!



WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE? DOLL MAN! ARE YOU LOOKING FOR MORE TROUBLE?

I ALWAYS FINISH WHAT I START!



OKAY, DOLL MAN! YOU'VE HAD YOUR FUN! NOW YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO GET IT!



DOLL MAN



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I SUSPECT RATTLER'S TRYING TO PULL A FAST ONE! I'M GOING TO CALL HIS BLUFF!



OKAY, DOLL MAN, YOU'VE ASKED FOR THIS FOR A LONG TIME!

FOR AN UNCONSCIOUS MAN, YOU'RE AWFULLY TALKATIVE, RATTLER!



TAKE THAT!

NO THANKS!



I'VE BEEN SAVING THIS ONE FOR YOU! AND YOU DESERVE IT!

SOMEONE CALLED IN... SAID THERE WAS A LOT OF SHOOTING GOING ON HERE!



THERE WAS A LOT OF SHOOTING, BUT THAT'S OVER! NOW YOU CAN PICK UP THE PIECES! THESE MEN WERE RUNNING A PROTECTION RACKET! TAKE THEM AWAY AND BOOK THEM! SOCIETY IS WELL RID OF THEM!



AND THE NEXT DAY...

THIS MORNING THAT THE PROTECTION RACKET BOYS ARE ALL IN JAIL NOW! YOUR WORRIES ARE OVER! AND THE COPS HAVE A LIST OF ALL THOSE WHO WERE FORCED TO PAY! THEY'LL BE GETTING THEIR MONEY BACK!

I SAW IN THE PAPERS

IT SURE WAS GOOD NEWS, MR. DANE... BUT I'M GETTING PROTECTION AGAIN!



OH, NO! NOT AGAIN?

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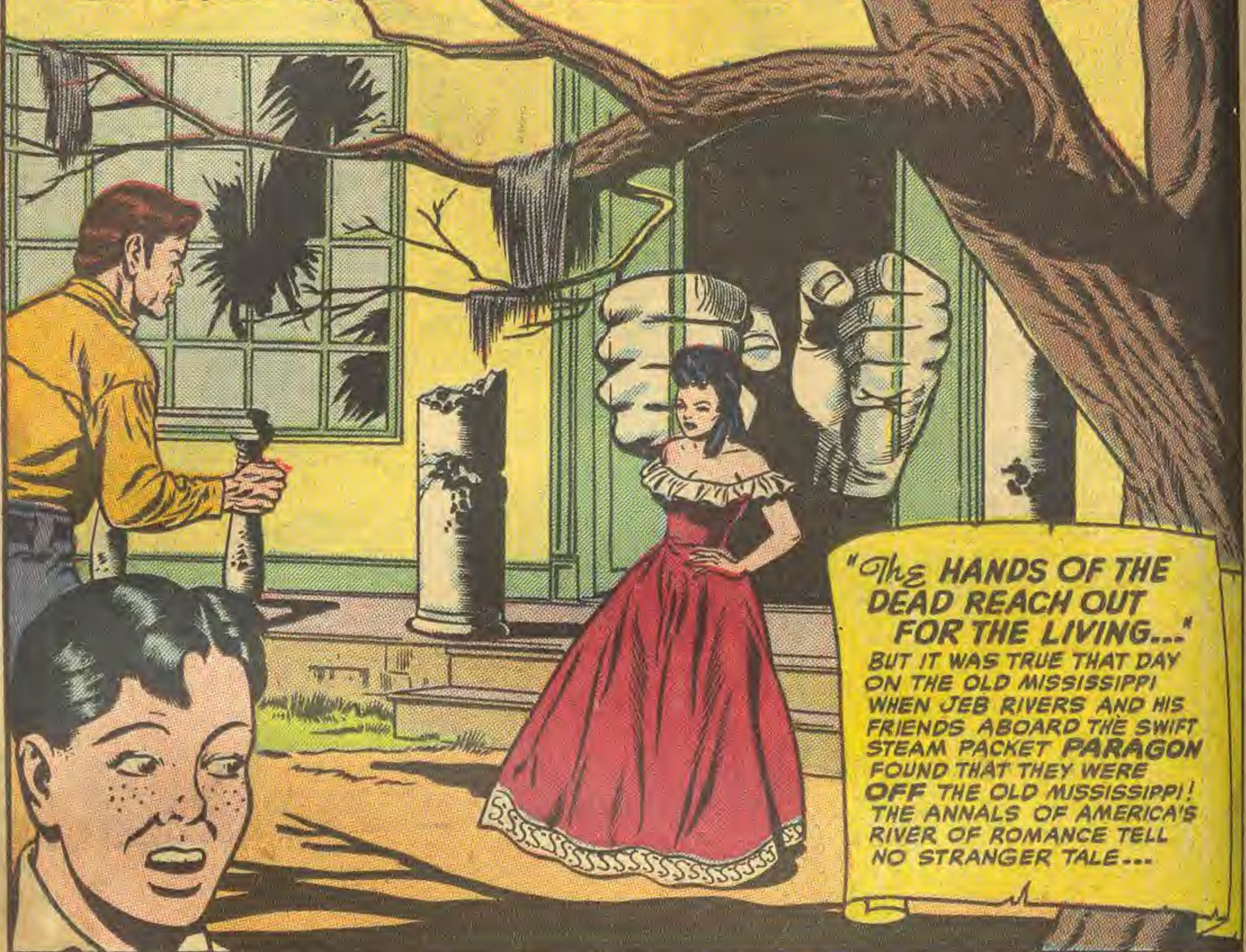


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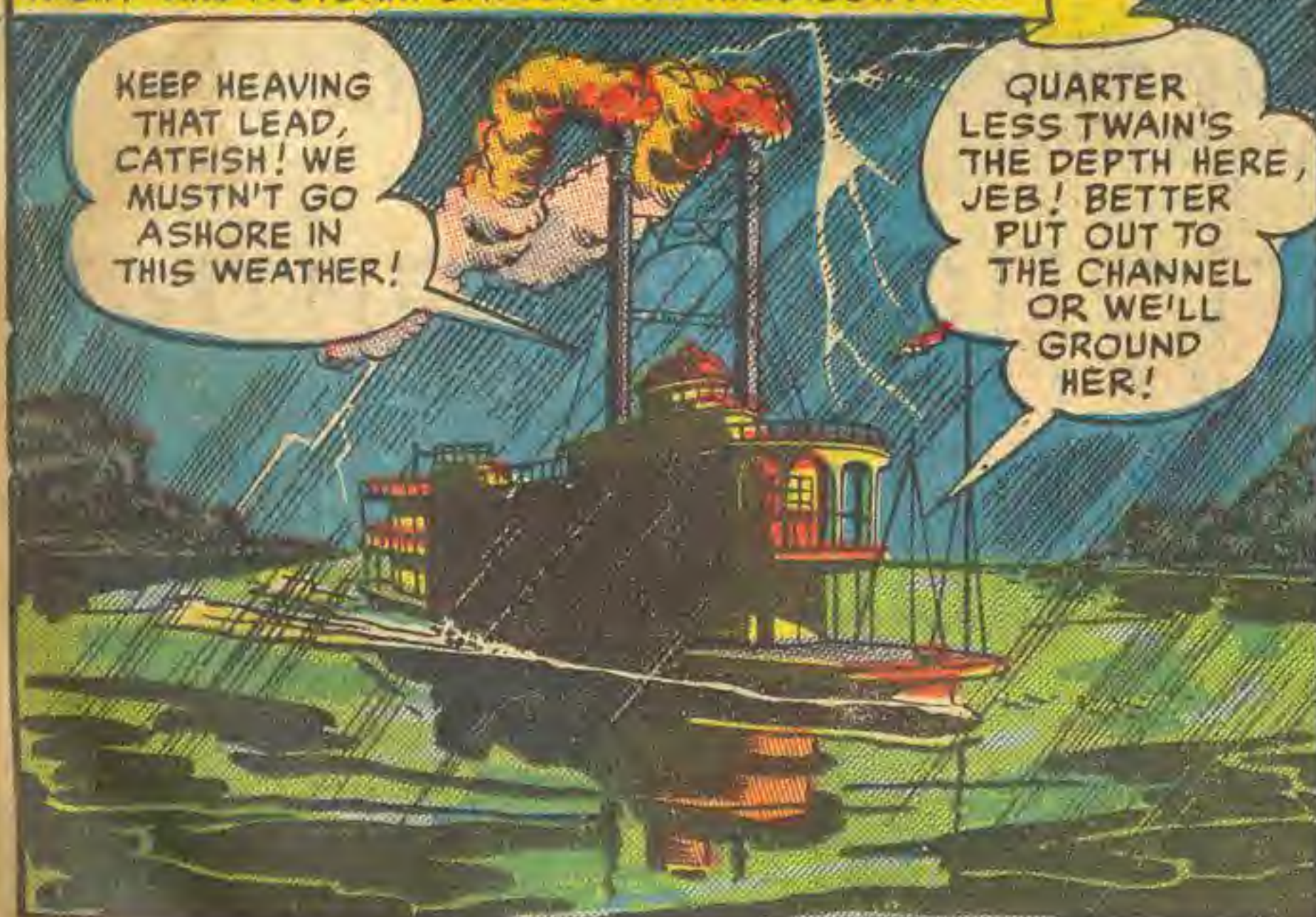
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JEB RIVERS



"The HANDS OF THE DEAD REACH OUT FOR THE LIVING..."
 BUT IT WAS TRUE THAT DAY ON THE OLD MISSISSIPPI WHEN JEB RIVERS AND HIS FRIENDS ABOARD THE SWIFT STEAM PACKET PARAGON FOUND THAT THEY WERE OFF THE OLD MISSISSIPPI! THE ANNALS OF AMERICA'S RIVER OF ROMANCE TELL NO STRANGER TALE...

NIGHT AND A STORM BATTERS THE MISSISSIPPI---



DOLL MAN



WHERE DID THAT TANGLE COME FROM?

NEVER MIND WHERE IT CAME FROM! LET'S DODGE IT!



WE MISSED IT, CAP'N PELHAM! THAT WAS CLOSER THAN AN APPLE PEELING!

AND WE'RE IN OPEN WATER... BUT I NEVER KNEW THE RIVER TO LOOK LIKE THAT! WE DON'T DARE DRIVE ON IN THIS STORM!



NOW WE'RE NEAR A BANK OF THE RIVER THAT'S STRANGE TO ME! WE'D BETTER STOP FOR THE NIGHT!

AHOY BELOW! BACK HER STARBOARD AND LARBOARD AND DROP ANCHOR!

DAWN BANISHES THE STORM AND...

LUCKY WE HAVEN'T ANY PASSENGERS ABOARD! THEY'D SQUAWK ABOUT THE DELAY! NOW WE CAN SAIL ON!



SAIL ON WHERE, DADDY? THIS ISN'T THE RIVER... IT'S LIKE ANOTHER WORLD!



THE STORM MUSTA BROKE THROUGH THE BANK INTO A LAKE OR SUMPIN, JEB! COUNTRY HEREABOUTS LOOKS LIKE THE BEGINNING OF TIME!

NOT QUITE, CATFISH! BEYOND THOSE TREES IS SOME SORT OF HINT THAT FOLKS HAVE BEEN HERE... MAYBE ARE STILL AROUND!



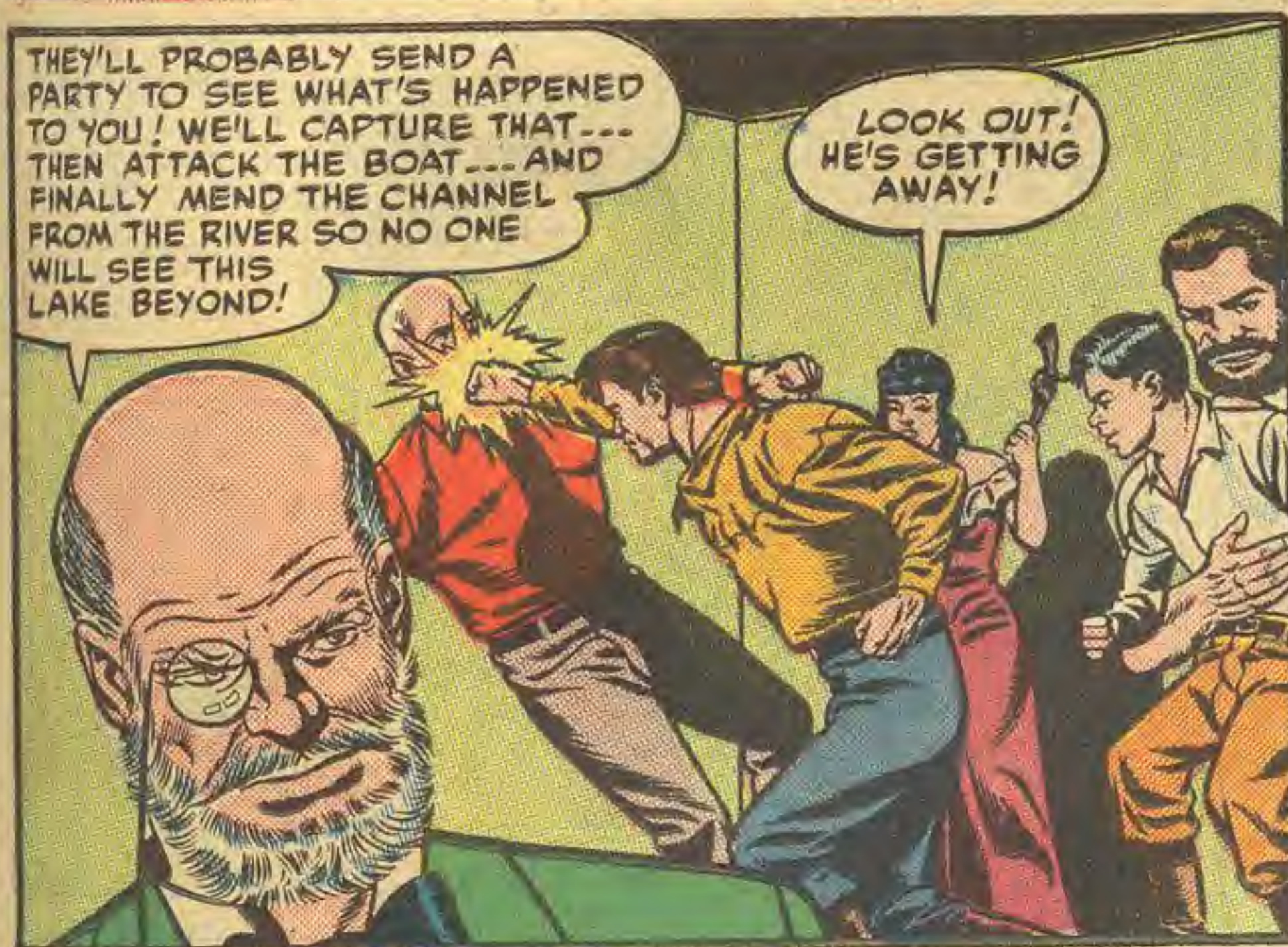
ENGINEER SAYS WE'LL HAVE TO STAY HERE TILL HE RESETS OUR DRIVE SHAFT, JEB! THE JOB MAY TAKE THREE OR FOUR HOURS!

THEN CATFISH AND I WILL ROW ASHORE AND SEE WHAT THIS PLACE IS, CAPTAIN!

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NO, JEB, IT WAS THE LADY, AND SHE AIN'T NO LADY!



WHY GIVE US SWEET TALK WHEN WE'RE LOCKED UP AND HELP-LESS?



THAT'S WHAT HE TOLD ME! I STILL DON'T SEE WHY I SHOULD TRY TO BE YOUR FRIEND!



BETTER TAKE YOUR LONELY HEART ELSEWHERE! I'D NEVER TRUST A GIRL WHO'S SO HANDY WITH A PISTOL-BUTT!



PSST, CATFISH, SHE'S GOING! TAKE THAT CANDLE OUT OF THE BOTTLE AND HAND THE BOTTLE TO ME!



THE SIZE OF THE HOUSE SHOWS THAT THERE'S MORE TO THE CELLAR THAN THIS DUNGEON OF OURS!

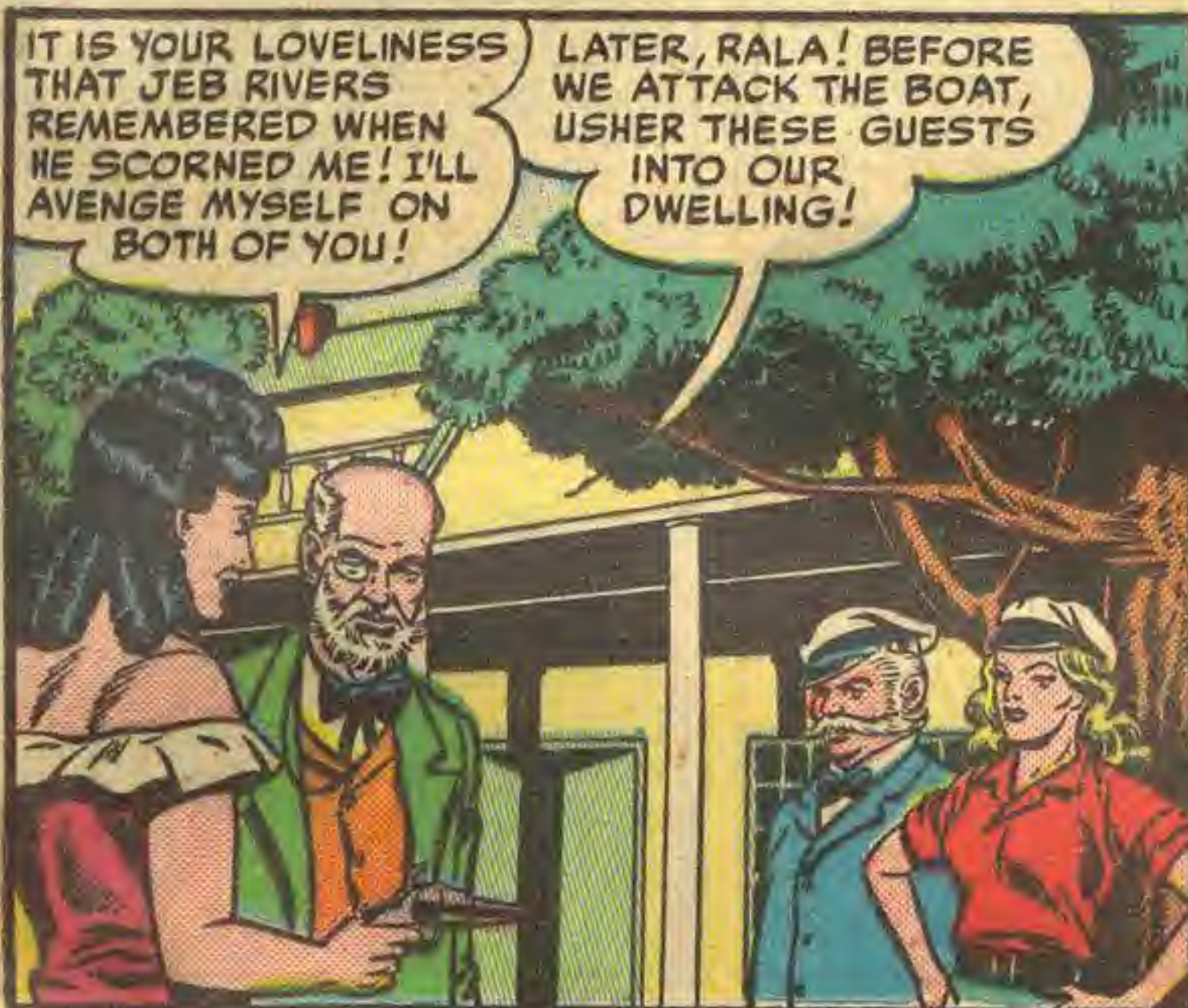


BRING THAT CANDLE ALONG! WE'LL CRAWL IN AND HAVE A LOOK!

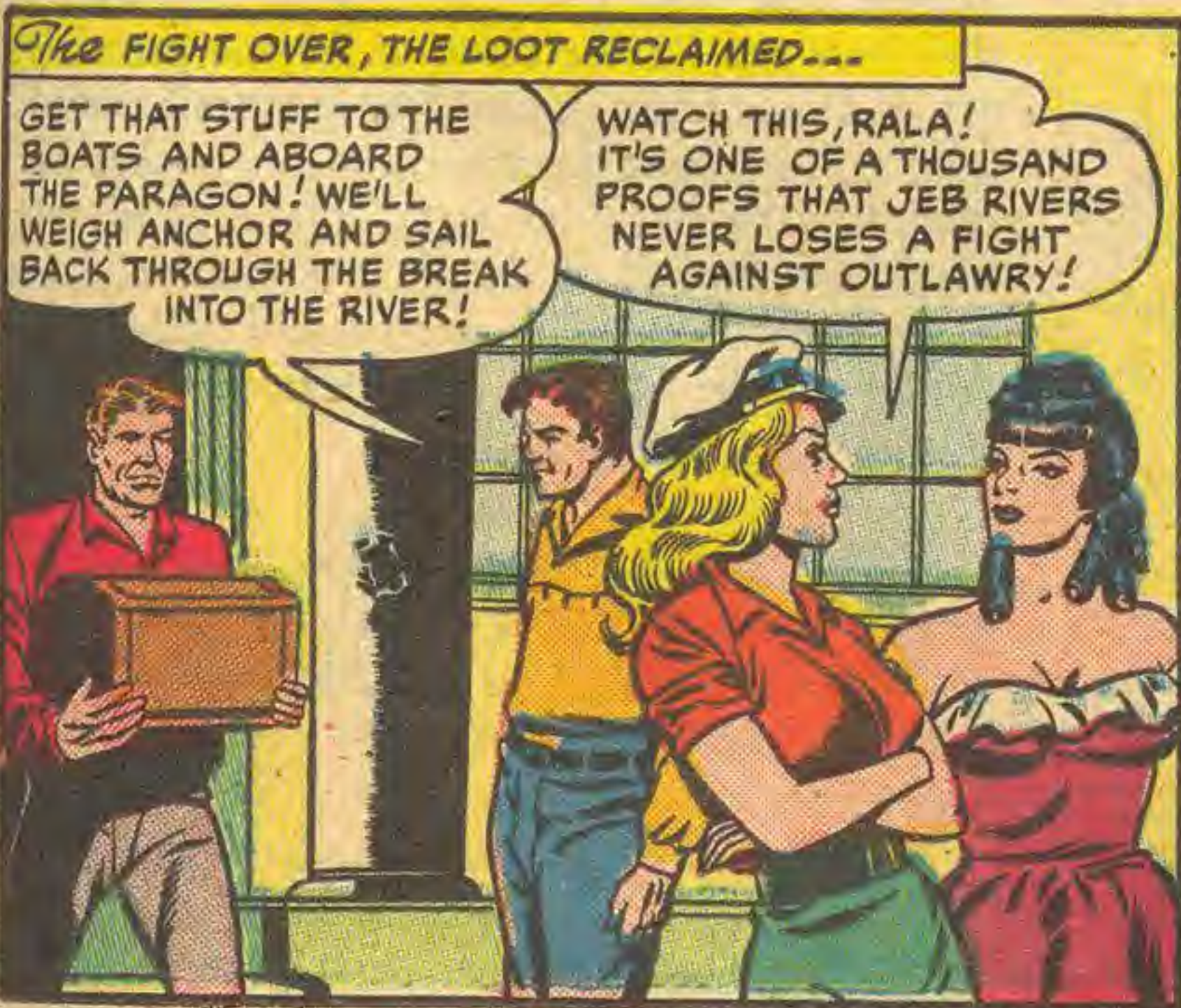
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The Peep-Hole Clue

DAPPER John Wilson carefully smoothed his waxen mustache. Then he adjusted the large diamond stickpin in his grey tie. With his inky black hair, deep set brown eyes, and pin-stripe blue suit, he looked something like a fashion plate. When the photographers would ask him to pose for a picture, he always had a standard remark ready.

"Just a minute boys. You know I want to look my best. Get a full shot of my face. Don't take the left profile, if you know what's good for you. And you better send me the proofs before you go to press. Don't want my public to get the wrong idea about me."

From which you may easily deduce that John Wilson was in the public eye. After all he was considered the boss of all slot machines, pinball games, and the number rackets in the East. Any big crooked deal somehow could be traced back to this man, but you couldn't get the proof that would stand up in court.

Just now John Wilson was seated in a large comfortable easy chair in room 1214 of the Union Hotel. Standing opposite him was a large powerful man, with bull dog jaws, piercing eyes, and a determination to uphold the dignity of the law. Inspector Howard Johnson, head of the Homicide Bureau wasted no words.

"Seems to me the facts are rather simple in this case. You took a taxicab from Hendricks Field to this hotel. You were given room 1214. Then you went to the east wing of the hotel and entered room 876. In that room was one Tony Varino, alias Frank Dumont, a well known blackmailer. The grapevine has it that Tony could prove you were behind the Miller Kidnapping. And he was demanding a big slice of cash to keep his lips buttoned up. Twenty minutes later you were found in this room. The deduction seems quite logical that you helped the late Mr. Tony Varino depart in a hurry from this world."

Not a muscle moved on the face of the Big Time Racketeer. For days he had carefully planned what to say when this occasion took place. There couldn't be the slightest error, for it would mean the chair. With measured words he began to speak.

"I admit that I was in Room 876. In fact, I even admit that I shot and killed Tony Varino with his own .32 revolver. My defense is based on the basic right of a man to defend his own life. Surely any jury would have to set me free when I tell my story in court. Tony sent for me and said that unless he received \$20,000 in cash, he would turn over evidence to the Federal authorities to show I was behind the Miller Kidnapping. Why everyone knows I did my best to get Miller free. Too bad they found his body in the river. He was a nice guy. I told Tony to go to blazes and that I would have him arrested for attempted extortion. He pulled a gun from his shoulder holster and threatened my life. I thought he was going to pull the trigger and we struggled for the gun. Too bad he was killed, but it was his life or mine. I have a witness by the name of Jake Porterino commonly called Jake the Barker. He will testify that I killed in self defense."

A small roundish man with a wavy mop of auburn hair was standing against the wall at the other side of the room under the protective eye of a policeman. Every few minutes he would take a large handkerchief from his pocket and remark, "It's awful hot in this place. Wish they would get through with this investigation. I got a big business to take care of and without me things can't be run. Let them hear what I got to say, and get it over with."

Both the policeman and Inspector Johnson had deaf ears to the oft repeated words of Jake Porterino. Finally Inspector Johnson turned to the witness and called him over.

"Take a chair and tell us what happened."

Then the police official smiled. "Not that it is any of my business, but why do they call you Jake the Barker?"

That seemed to set the witness at ease. He smiled and replied, "You see I once worked in a circus. First I was a strong man but one day the big dumbbells fell and almost finished me. So next I became a barker, telling the people they should go and see the flea circus. Then when I quit and opened my Tavern at Pine and Chester Avenues the name stuck. I got it in big letters over my place."

Inspector Johnson gulped. He realized he had no simple man to deal with. Jake the Barker would sell his soul for John Wilson and swear to any kind of lie.

Jake the Barker began to speak in a slow and low tone. He had carefully memorized every word and he was confident that under any type of questioning or cross examination, his story would always be the same.

"Every word that Mr. Wilson says is the absolute truth. I was passing that room and heard noises. So I stooped down just like a snooper, I admit, and peeped through the keyhole. I saw Tony trying to kill Mr. Wilson. Tony had his gun in his hand. Yelled that he would never let Mr. Wilson get out of the room alive and go to the cops with his story. Then there was a struggle and I heard three shots. Believe me, that punk got just what was coming to him. The good people of this town ought to give Mr. Wilson a medal for getting rid of a rat like Tony. Just in case you are curious what I was doing in the hotel, you can check on me. I had an appointment with Werner Beringer of Ocean City. He wanted to buy a share in my place. But sent me a telegram his wife was sick and he would come next week."

No doubt about it the case would be a headache for the new young district attorney just recently elected. Inspector Johnson sighed as he thought of an inexperienced D.A. trying to stand before a Grand Jury and get an indictment from them for murder in the first degree. And if the D.A. did get the indictment, would he ever get a conviction?

Herman Phillips showed no sign of nervousness as he sat in the grand jury room. This was his first big case and the reporters were betting three to one that the tall lanky fair haired young D.A. was going to come out on the losing end. Inspector Johnson was also in the room and he listened sadly as John Wilson and Jake the Barker repeated their same stories, word for word. In the room there was another man, somewhere in his late sixties or early seventies, of medium height and with a head full of grey hair. He was a member of the Grand Jury, Lewis Burnett Cooper, and he arose to speak.

"In 1903 I built the Union Hotel. I still am president of the corporation that manages it, though my son supervises everything. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Porterino, as is his real name, both had rooms in the old west wing of the hotel. All the doors in this section are equipped with old fashioned peep locks. The late Mr. Varino had a room in the east wing which was built in 1938. All rooms in the new section of the hotel have tumbler locks. Mr. Wilson killed Mr. Varino and then ran back to his friend's room or his own to figure out an alibi. Probably one look at the lock gave him the inspiration. It will eventually lead him to the death house. That is the penalty of crime. He who lives by the sword shall perish by it."

When the full significance of the words dawned upon Jake the Barker, he arose from his chair and shouted, "I'm no killer. I had nothing to do with this murder. John Wilson forced me to lie because I owed him a large sum of money. I'm willing to talk."

Seated in his office later that same day, the young D.A. was beaming. But the look on Inspector Johnson's face was puzzling.

"Bet you are holding something back on me. Come on spill it," said the D.A.

And then the police official laughed. "When Jake the Barker talked, we got a full confession out of Wilson. Sure, old man Cooper deserves a lot of credit. But we found something funny—all the rooms had old fashioned peep locks on them. He was a bit twisted in his facts, but he did upset the two crooks, and that's all that counts."



I THINK THE ELECTION RETURNS SHOULD BE IN BY NOW, DR. ROBERTS!

LET'S SEE WHAT THE RADIO HAS TO SAY ON THE SUBJECT!



AND NOW...THE FINAL RESULTS OF TODAY'S MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS! DAVID WATSON IS OUR NEW MAYOR! HE LED HIS OPPONENT, BOSS HARKNESS, BY A TOTAL OF 7,622 VOTES!

HMM! BOSS HARKNESS WAS NEVER A GOOD LOSER BUT I'M AFRAID HE CAN'T DO MUCH ABOUT THIS! HE JUST DOESN'T SEEM TO BE THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE!



DOLL MAN

WE'VE NEEDED GOOD GOVERNMENT IN THIS TOWN FOR SOME TIME! BOSS HARKNESS HAS BEEN RUNNING THINGS FOR HIS PERSONAL PROFIT TOO LONG!

I SUSPECT HE'S NOT GOING TO BOW OUT GRACEFULLY!



I HAVE TO GET BACK TO THE LAB NOW, DOCTOR! MY PROFESSION IS SCIENCE NOT POLITICS!

GOOD NIGHT, DARREL! VISIT US AGAIN SOON!



SEVERAL WEEKS LATER...

MY EXPERIMENT IS WORKING! NOW ALL I NEED IS SOME STATISTICAL INFORMATION AND I CAN COMPLETE THIS PROJECT!

R-R-RING!



HELLO, DANE SPEAKING! YOU HAVE THE INFORMATION I WANTED? GOOD...I'LL BE RIGHT DOWN TO PICK IT UP...IN ABOUT HALF AN HOUR!



OH, YOU WANT TO COME, TOO! OKAY, ELMO! YOU'RE INVITED!

WUF! WUF!



SAY, HERE WE ARE AT CITY HALL! I WONDER HOW THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS GETTING ALONG!



STEP RIGHT UP, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AND BUY THE BEST LITTLE ALARM CLOCK IN THE WORLD! JUST LISTEN TO IT TICK!

THAT'S SHIFTY SHANE. ONE OF BOSS HARKNESS'S BOYS! HE'S MADE MANY A CROOKED DOLLAR IN HIS TIME, BUT HE'LL NEVER GET RICH HAWKING ALARM CLOCKS!



DOLL MAN



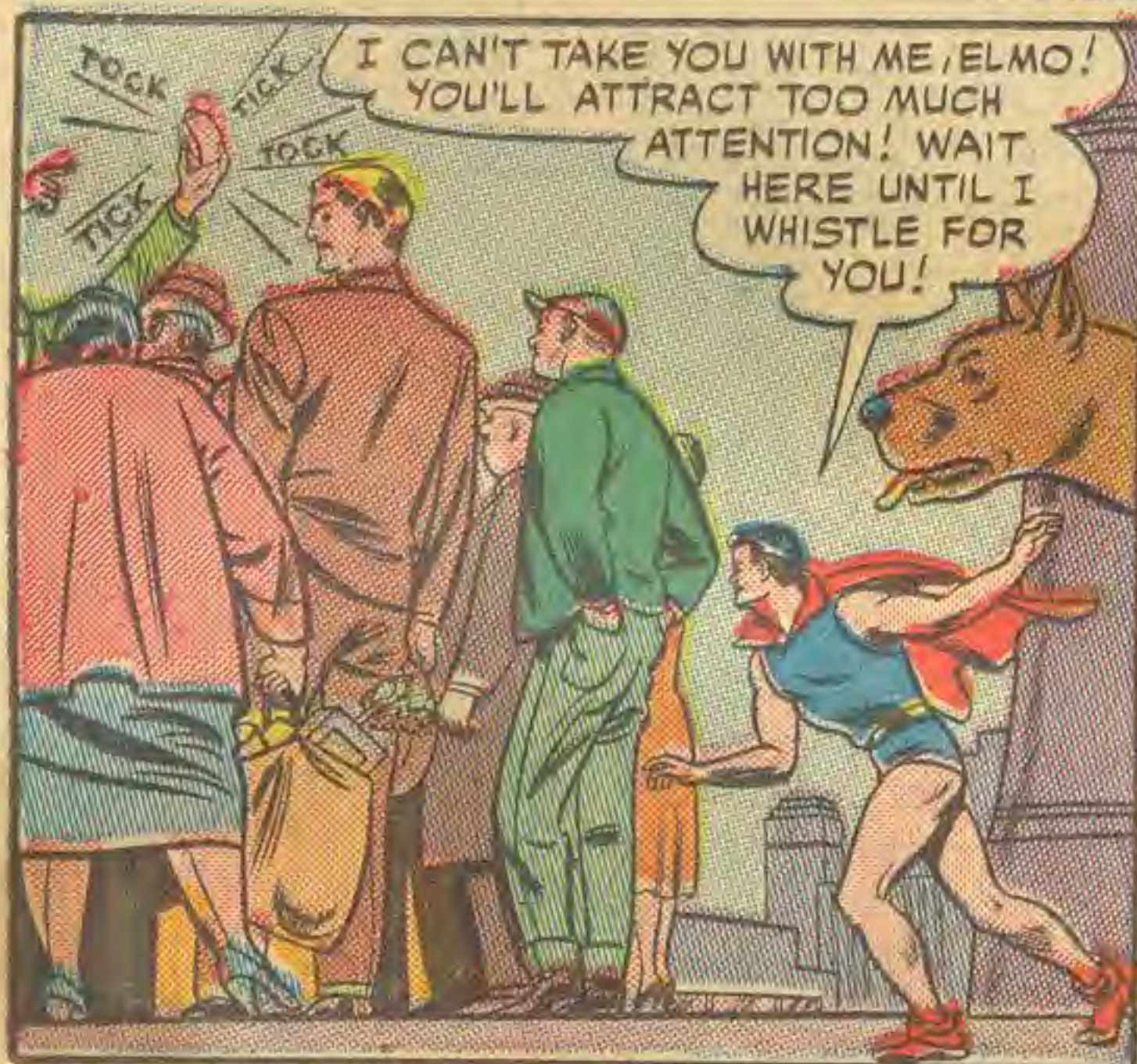
GRRR! CAN'T SAY THAT I BLAME YOU, ELMO! THAT'S SLUGGER SHERMAN WITH SHIFTY AND HE'S PART OF THAT CORRUPT GANG, TOO!



THIS WHOLE SET-UP IS PHONEY FROM START TO FINISH! I THINK IT'S TIME FOR THE DOLL MAN TO APPEAR AND INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION!



STARS WHIRL IN THE HEAVENS AS DARREL DANE CONCENTRATES HIS WILL POWER AND BECOMES... **THE DOLL MAN!**



I CAN'T TAKE YOU WITH ME, ELMO! YOU'LL ATTRACT TOO MUCH ATTENTION! WAIT HERE UNTIL I WHISTLE FOR YOU!



THE CROWD IS THINNING OUT! BUT SLUGGER SHERMAN IS STILL HANGING AROUND! I'VE GOT TO GET WITHIN EAVESDROPPING DISTANCE AND LISTEN IN ON THAT CONVERSATION HE'S HAVING WITH SHIFTY!



THIS OUGHT TO DO IT!

SHIFTY, YOU'VE GOT A REAL TALENT! YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN A LEGITIMATE BUSINESS MAN! YOU PRACTICALLY SOLD OUT YOUR ENTIRE STOCK!

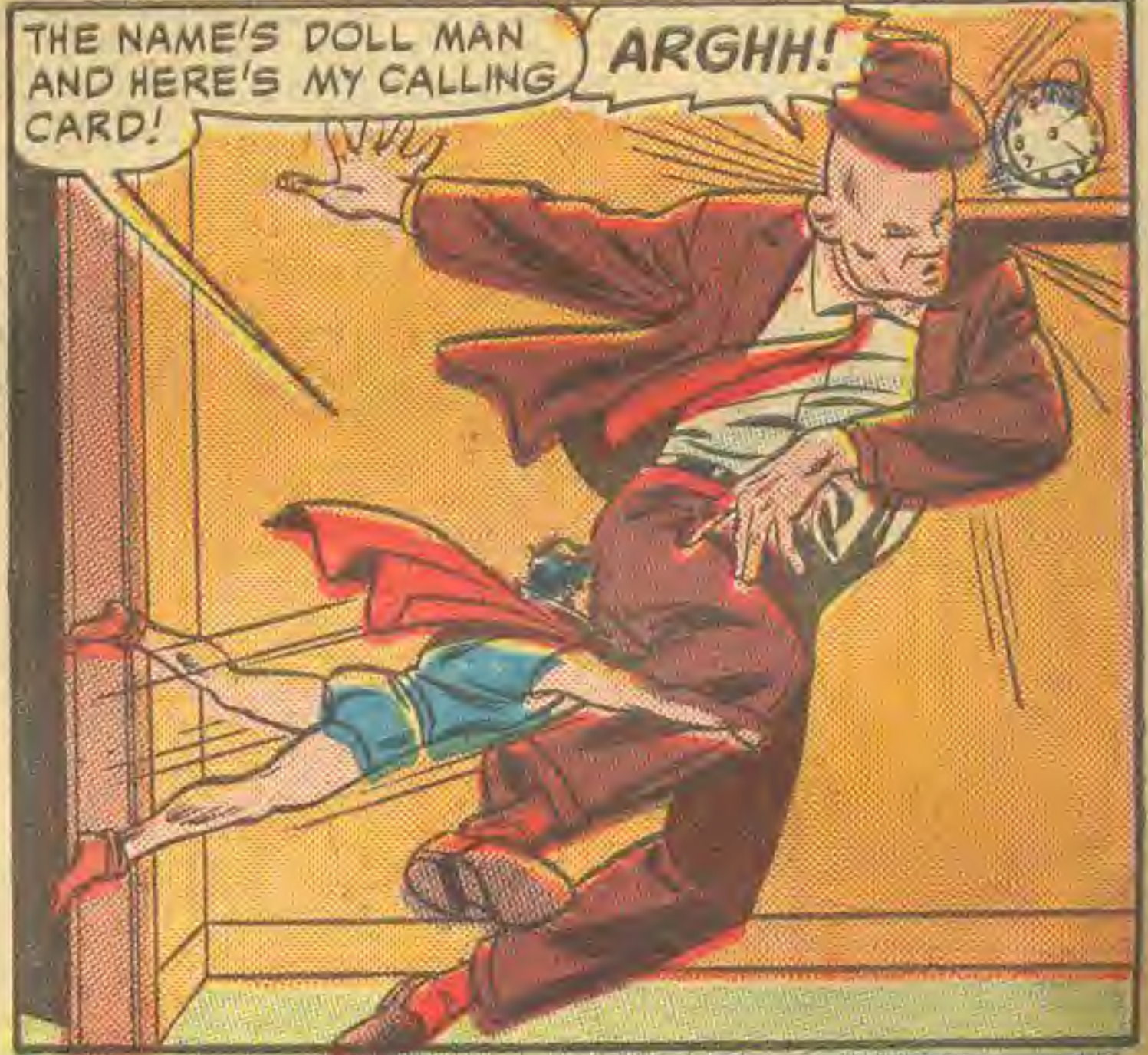


BUT I'M SAVING THE BEST CLOCK OF ALL FOR YOU, SLUGGER! WITH ALL THE REAL ALARM CLOCKS TICKING AWAY RIGHT INSIDE CITY HALL, THEY WON'T PAY ANY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THIS ONE!

UH-OH! MY HUNCH WAS RIGHT!

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DOLL MAN



DOLL MAN



THE BOSS IS GOING TO BE MIGHTY PLEASED WHEN I TELL HIM THAT THE DOLL MAN AND THE NEW GOVERNMENT WENT UP IN SMOKE TOGETHER!

I'LL HIDE THIS BOMB SOMEPLACE ELSE! BUT FIRST I GOT TO GET SLUGGER OUT OF HERE! COME ON, SLUGGER! WAKE UP!



WHAT HIT ME?

I CAN'T STAND HERE AND MAKE SMALL TALK WITH YOU, SLUGGER! THIS BOMB IS GOING OFF IN A FEW MINUTES AND WE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!



WAIT A SECOND! IF ANYONE SAW THE DOLL MAN OUT COLD HERE, THEY MIGHT GET CURIOUS! SO WE'LL JUST DROP HIM OUT OF SIGHT!



A FEW PRECIOUS MINUTES LATER...

ALL THE TIME TODAY I HEAR CLOCKS! I BE GLAD WHEN PEOPLE TAKE THEM HOME TONIGHT! THEN IS MORE QUIET IN CITY HALL!



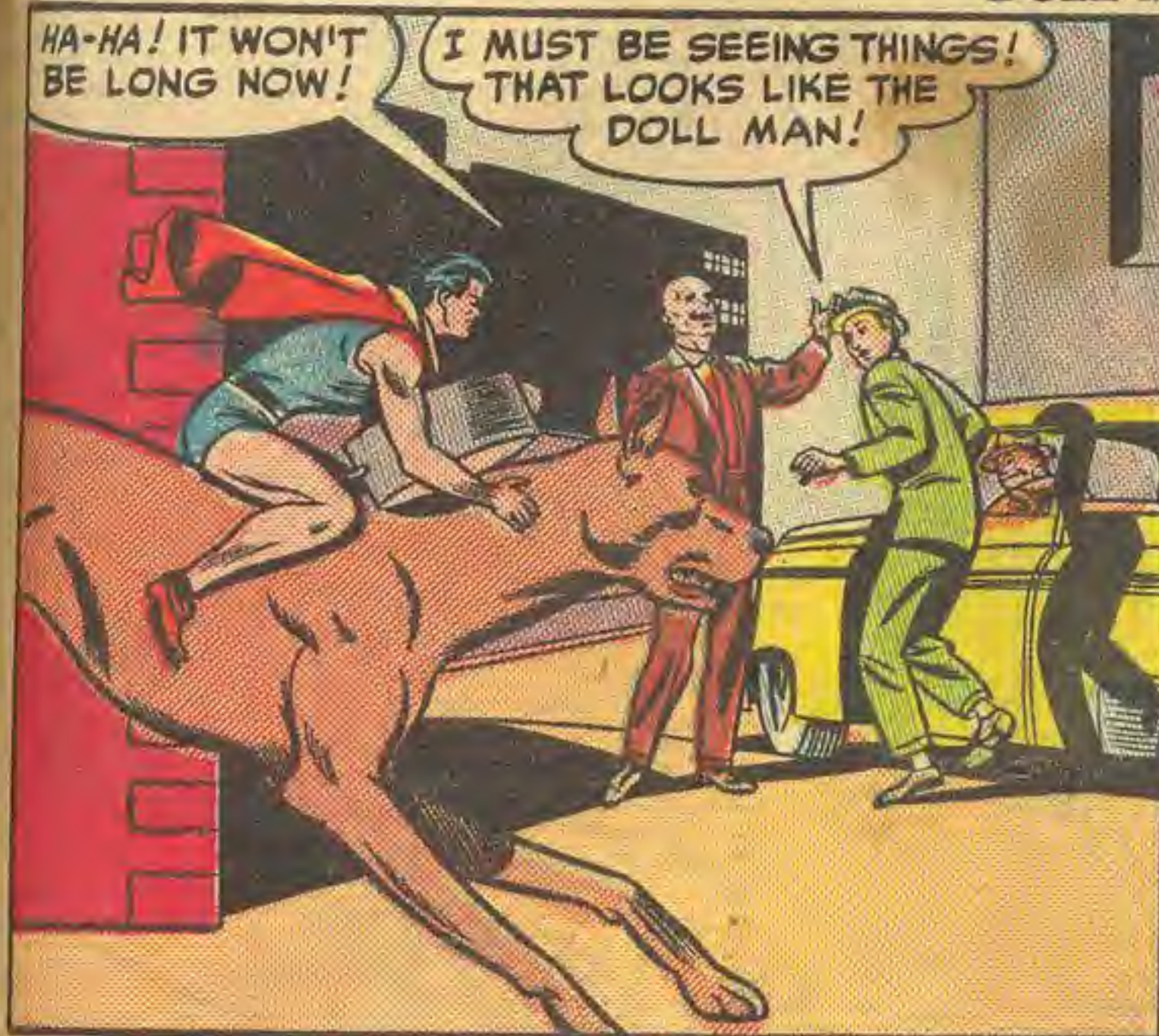
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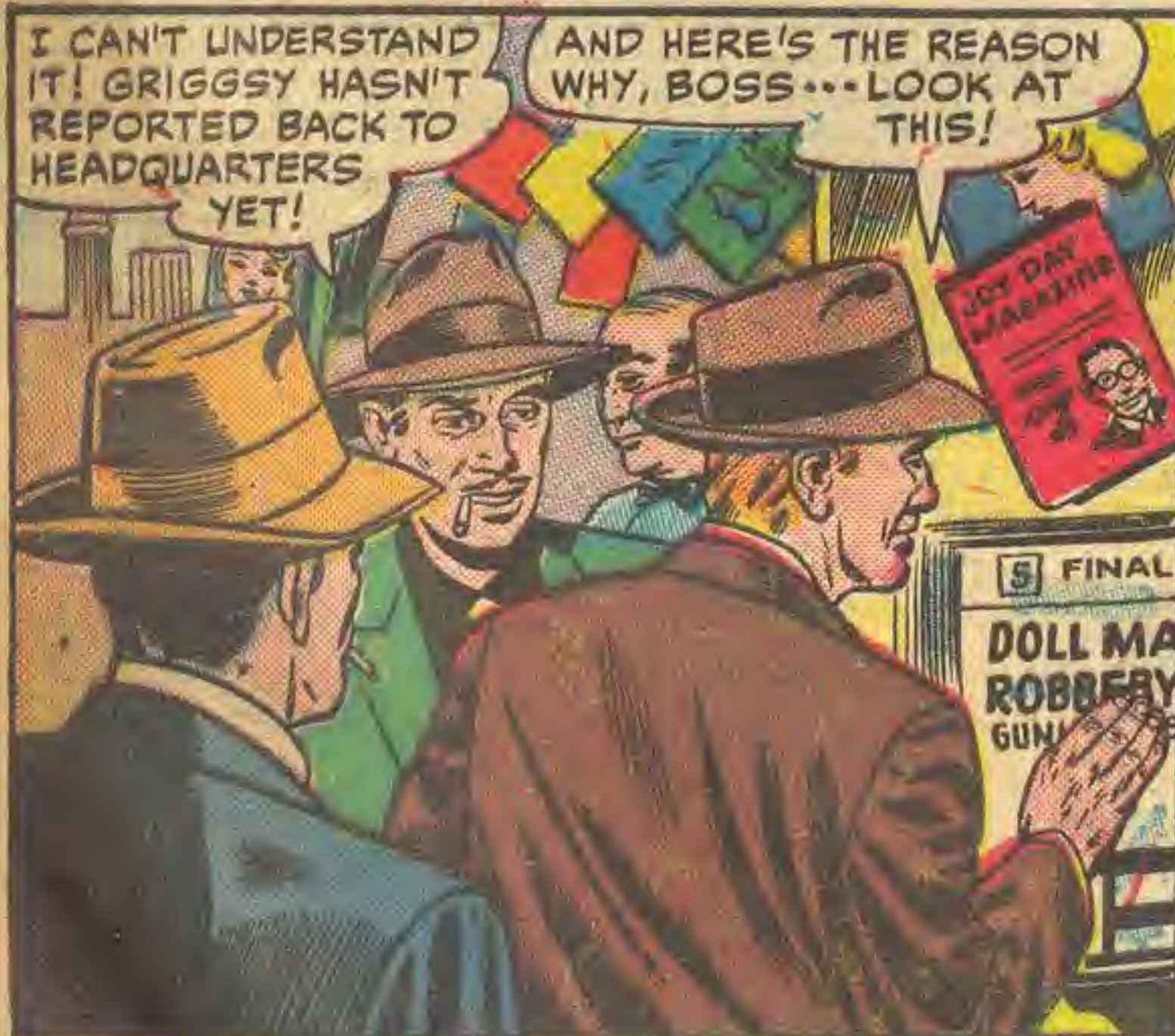
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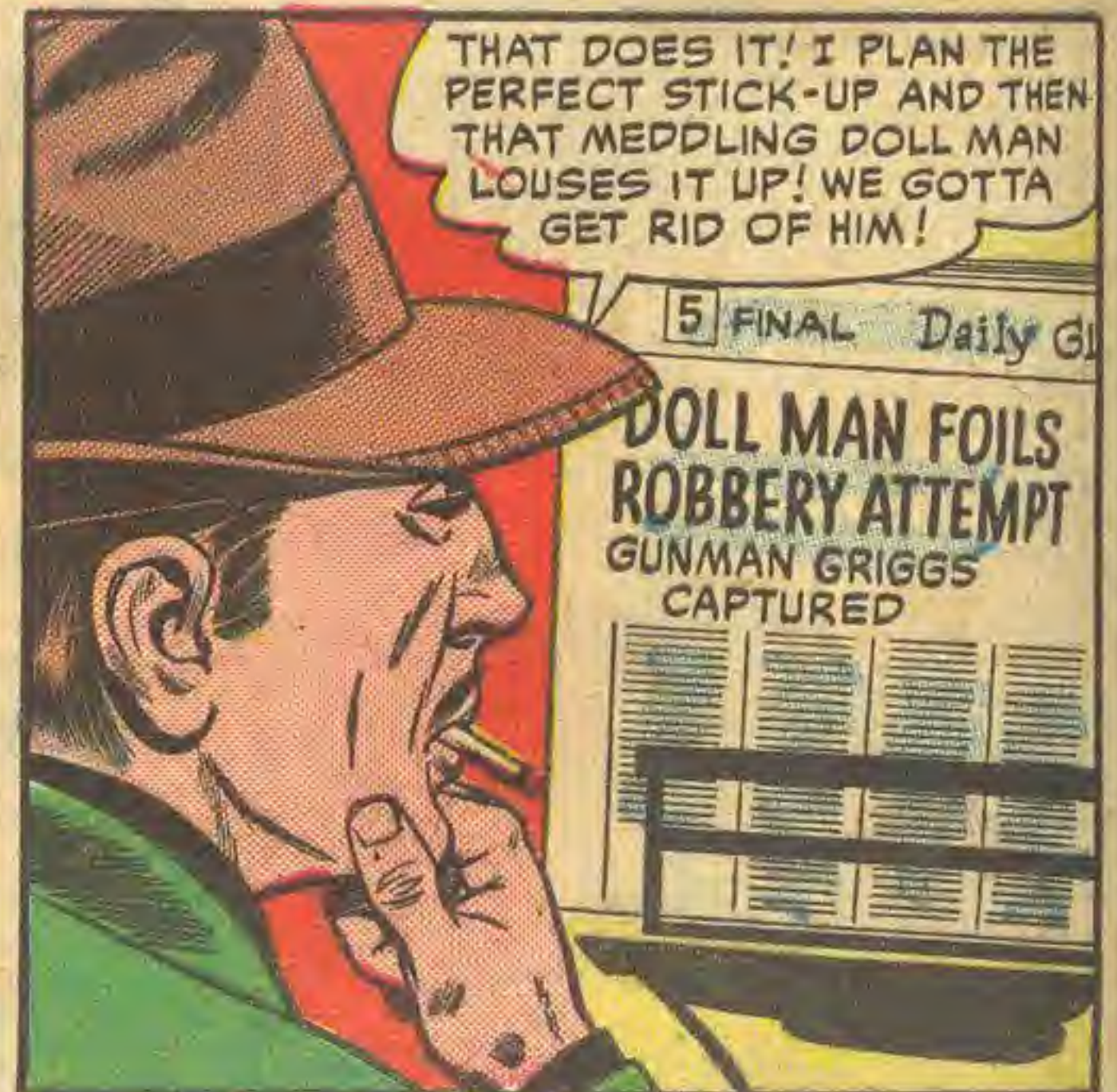


DOLL MAN AND HIS CANNY CANINE, ELMO, TEAM UP TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF WILEY WILLIS...PERPETRATOR OF A THOUSAND CRIMES!



I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! GRIGGSY HASN'T REPORTED BACK TO HEADQUARTERS YET!

AND HERE'S THE REASON WHY, BOSS...LOOK AT THIS!



THAT DOES IT! I PLAN THE PERFECT STICK-UP AND THEN THAT MEDDLING DOLL MAN LOUSES IT UP! WE GOTTA GET RID OF HIM!

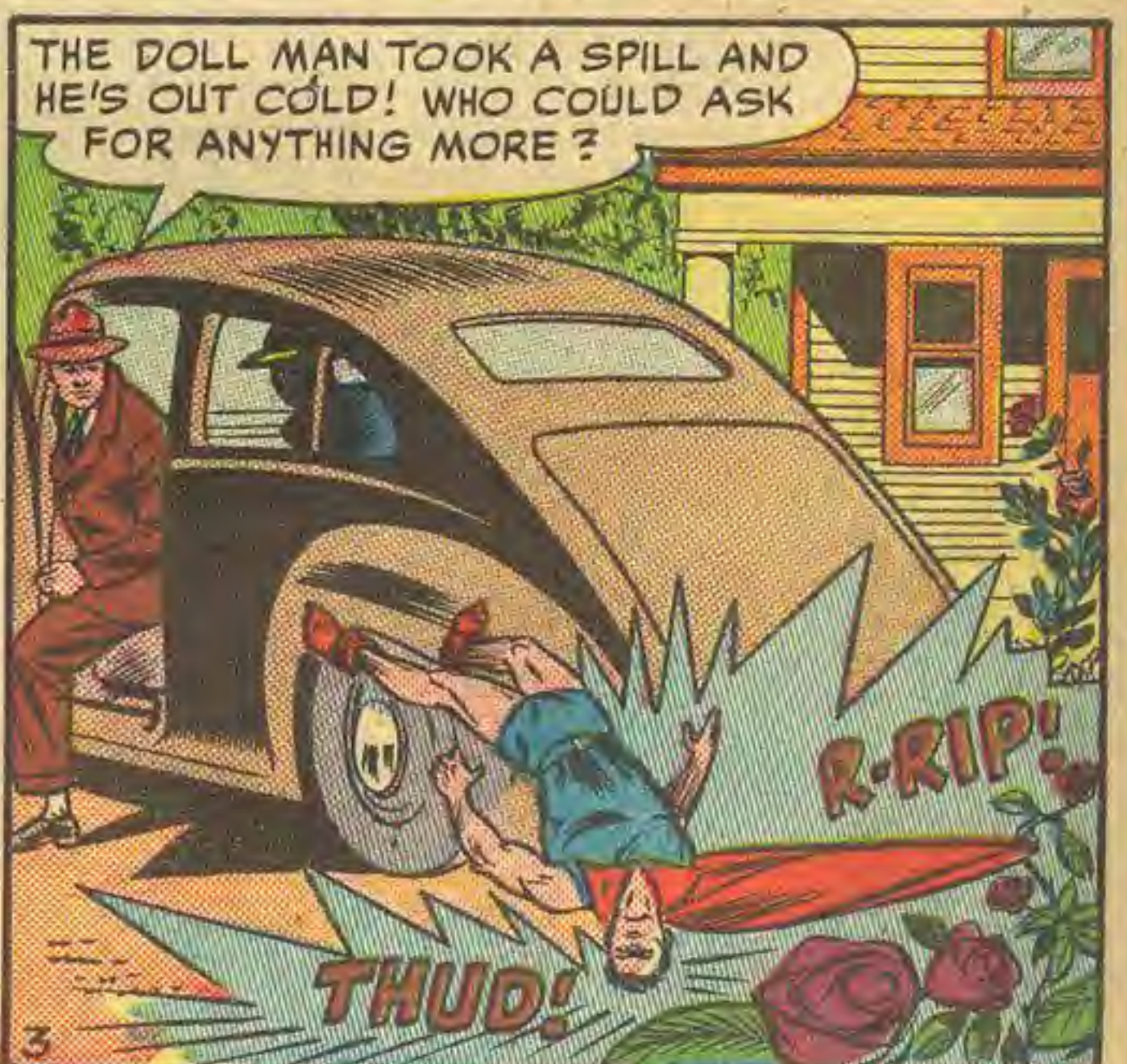
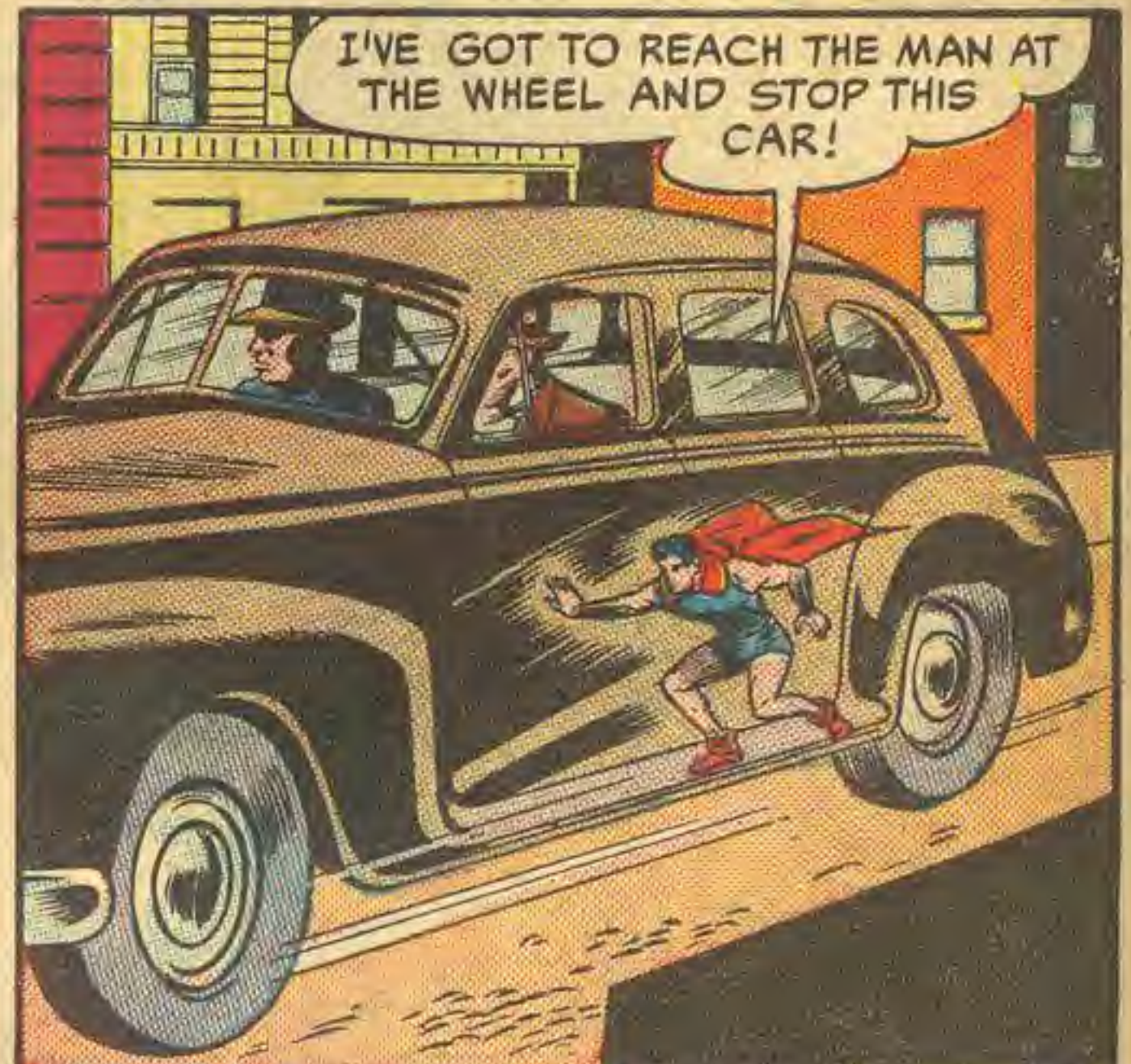
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DOLL MAN FOILS ROBBERY ATTEMPT
GUNMAN GRIGGS CAPTURED

DOLL MAN



DOLL MAN





GOOD WORK! I SEE YOU HAVE THE MUTT!

AND WE BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING ELSE TO COMPLETE YOUR COLLECTION!



THE DOLL MAN HIMSELF! CONGRATULATIONS! I'LL SEE THAT YOU GUYS GET A BONUS FOR THIS JOB!

YOU KNOW, BOSS! IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT ANY GUY AS LITTLE AS THIS COULD GIVE US SO MUCH TROUBLE!



WELL, HIS TROUBLE-MAKING DAYS ARE OVER! THIS IS THE LAST CHAPTER IN THE LIFE OF THE DOLL MAN!

YOU MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO BUMP HIM OFF WHILE HE'S STILL UNCONSCIOUS!



DON'T START GETTING SOFT ON ME! WE WANTED TO GET RID OF THE DOLL MAN! THIS IS OUR CHANCE AND WE'RE TAKING IT!



GOODBYE, DOLL MAN! I CAN'T SAY IT'S BEEN NICE KNOWING YOU!

RRR!



AOWWW! MY SHOULDER!

HOW DID I GET HERE?

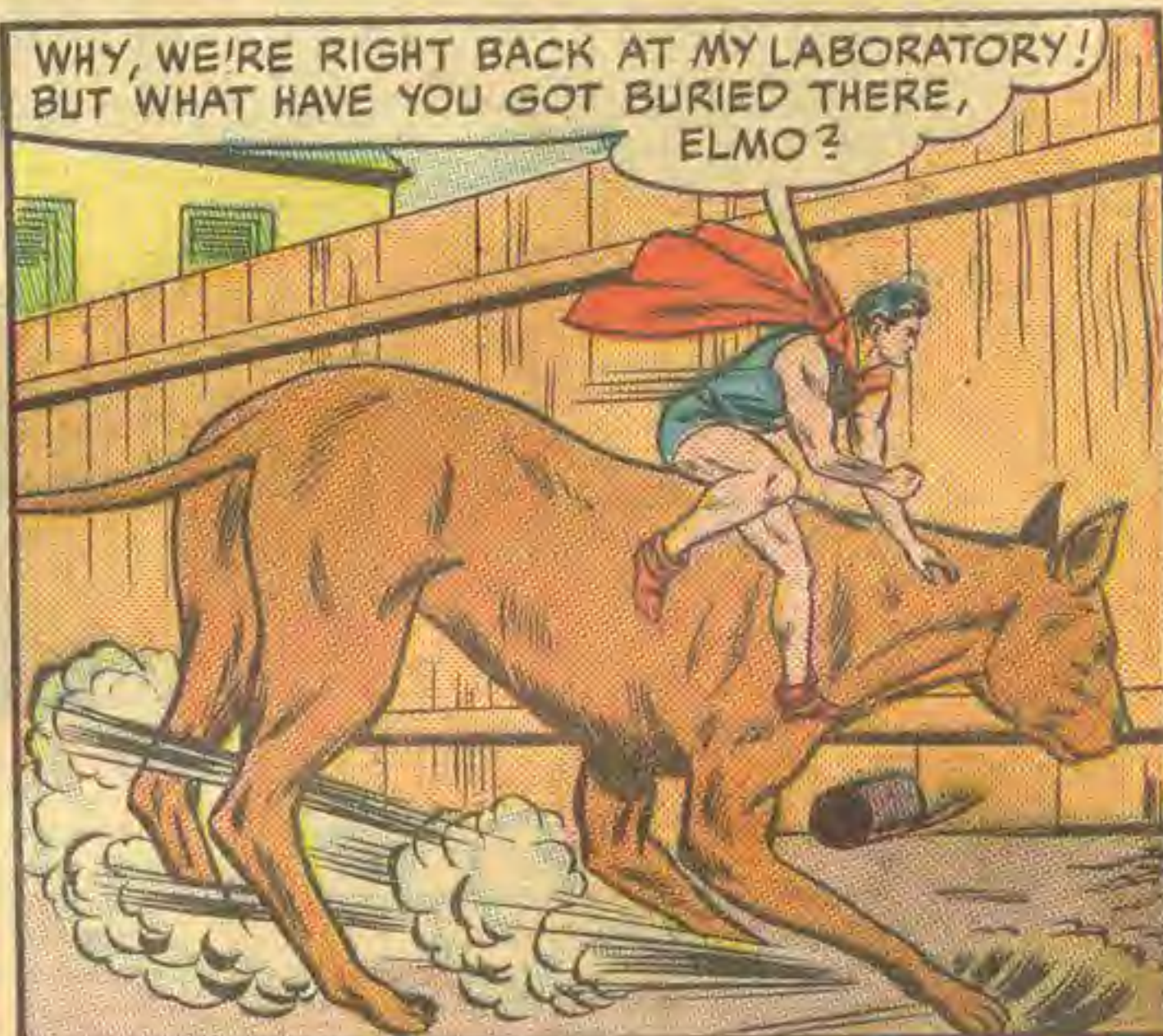
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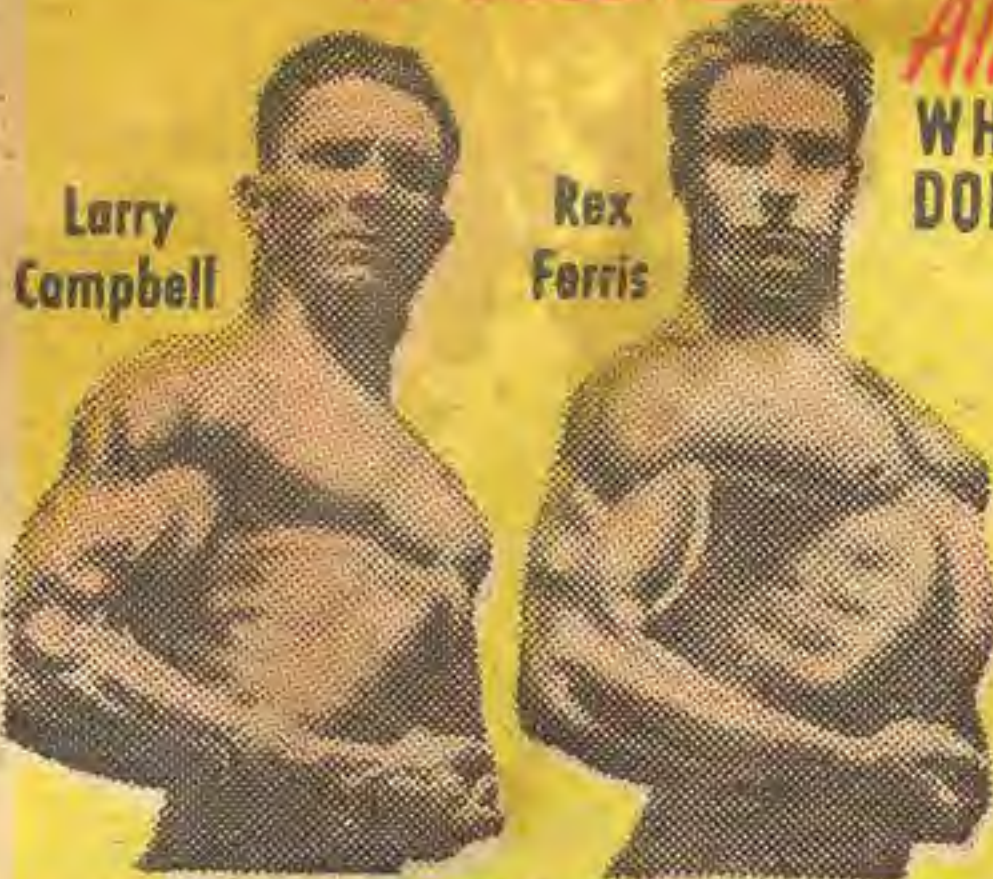
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DOLL MAN



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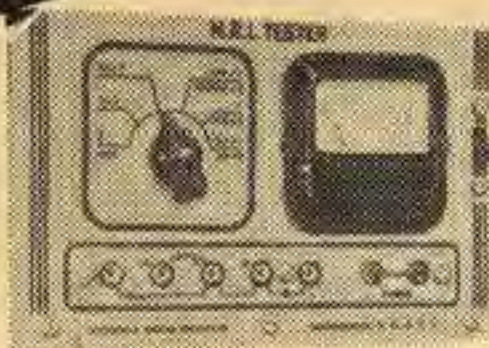
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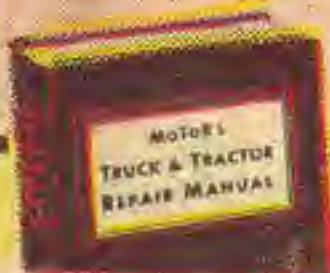
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